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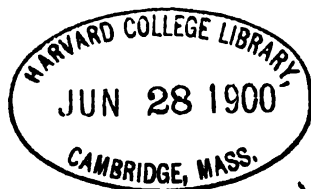
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ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT

THE past year has been one of unusual activity. Perhaps more real progress towards converting our accumulation of books and manuscripts into a good, working library has been made than in any one year of the history of the Institute. The work of cataloging is well in hand, and good progress has been made in properly mounting the manuscripts and engravings. I forbear to comment in detail on the reports of the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Librarian. These departments are in competent hands, and the reports will speak for themselves.

The by-laws prepared last year with a good deal of care and finally acted on at an adjournment of the annual meeting, held June 5th last, were adopted too late to take complete effect until now. But the provisions made in anticipation of the yearly election of officers have been applied, as they were clearly intended to be applied, to the pending election.

A discrepancy exists between articles IV and V of the new by-laws. Article IV provides for the appointment of a Nominating Committee "not officers." Article V provides that the Chairman of every committee shall be a Director. It would seem that Article V should be so amended as to except from its provisions the Nominating Committee.

To those who wish well for the future of the Institute it may be interesting to know that, at the special meeting of June 5th, at which the by-laws were revised and adopted, no less than nineteen members besides the executive officers of the Institute took an active part, either by making motions or by offering remarks, and that the unusually large number of members then present remained in session for two hours.

On every Monday evening until now, beginning with January first, the Institute has summoned its members to meetings of some sort, and at nine of these meetings the public also has been welcomed so far as the capacity of Academy Hall would permit. This hall has once more been generously placed at our disposal. Nine home meetings have been held in our own rooms. I think these two courses must be accounted successful. The attendance on the membership course is however discouragingly small, rarely being sufficient to fill the seats, often so scant as to be well nigh discourteous to the speakers, some of them coming from out of town, who have given themselves the trouble to address us. It is a question of serious import whether or not it would be better to make these home meetings less frequent. Certainly it is putting the officers of the Institute in a position of no little embarrassment to ask them to go forward in inviting and sometimes urging speakers, on the score of their interest in the Institute, to come here and address us without compensation, to find on reaching the rooms almost no audience to address. Perhaps both courses might well close on April 1st instead of May 1st. I commend this question to the consideration of members.

Notwithstanding our obligation to the Salem Lyceum and to the Peabody Academy to maintain a free course of lectures, complaints are made that Institute members receive no preference in the distribution of seats. This complaint seems unreasonable.

The difficulty experienced in limiting the size of the audience at Academy Hall has, in a certain sense, adjusted itself. By a rigid enforcement of the State law, no more persons are admitted into the hall than there are seats provided. It is not easy to see what more can be done. But the size of the hall, with its less than four hundred seats, is at times inadequate. In two or more instances this winter probably as many persons have been turned away as could be admitted. This revives the memory of the best days of the Salem Lyceum, when its attractive hall, having a capacity about double ours, was so overtaxed with ticket-holders that it was necessary to read each lecture twice — first, on Tuesday evening and again

on Wednesday afternoon. Certainly our experience seems to show, when taken in connection with that of the Young Men's Christian Association, that the appetite for a wholesome, intellectual diet such as we are supplying survives.

The bounty secured to us by the will of the late George Leonard Ames has already begun to favorably affect our finances, and measures have been taken towards providing the Institute with additional space. A number of possible uses to which funds might legitimately be put have been considered, and there seems to be a general consensus of opinion that our first necessity is room.

The will of George Rea Curwen has also gone into effect. The important accessions coming to us at this time in consequence of his lamented death, emphasize anew the need for room. Temporary provision must be made for most of this bequest such as we have long been compelled to make for a considerable fraction of our books. Our wall-space available for the display of pictures is practically exhausted. This state of things is no surprise to those who have observed our recent development, but it is a critical condition which must not be permitted to continue.

Of course the first plan thought of to secure more room was the familiar one of building a rear extension on our own estate. When carefully examined, this scheme has obvious, and some of them serious objections. Any plan for expending a considerable sum of money on the present estate practically anchors the Institute here for an indefinite future. That involves the continued use of the present building which is not a fire-proof building, nor one well designed for library purposes, and it cannot be made such without large expenditure. These, with other considerations, led to the examination of further possible plans. There has long been a feeling abroad that if the Institute and the Peabody Academy of Science could be brought nearer together, in their locations, without sacrificing any feature of their organic independence of each other, some mutual advantage would result. All our natural history collections have been on deposit with the Academy for thirty years. Other weighty reasons appeared. The time, it seemed, had come when this

feeling — long in the air — was to be brought to some practical test.

Accordingly, communications were had with the Peabody Academy, and the proposal was met by that Corporation in the best possible spirit and carefully weighed, with the unanimous result that both parties were satisfied that such a movement, while on some grounds to be desired, was not practicable at this time. The Institute, reduced apparently to the single alternative either of building on its own rear land or of availing itself in part, or wholly, of the Plummer Hall estate, then turned its attention to an effort to discover on what terms, if any, the proprietors of the Salem Athenæum would consider the transfer of their estate to the Essex Institute. This estate is not altogether what we could wish, but it adjoins us, and if it can be added to ours at a price which would leave us in funds to make the extensive alterations involved in utilizing the two buildings together and, moreover, would leave us with means enough to meet the advance in our running expenses — heating, lighting, increased attendance and the like — incident to so considerable an extension, I believe the proposal to purchase Plummer Hall and connect it with our present rooms will be found to be, on the whole, as satisfactory a solution of the problem as has yet been suggested.

By the will of the late George Rea Curwen the Institute comes into possession of a unique collection of paintings, photographs, medallions, silhouettes, manuscripts, broadsides, antique furniture, china and glass-ware, mourning rings and other valuable relics, most of them closely associated with the history, more or less remote, of this immediate section, and all of them possessing a rare interest of their own. Of the portraits, numbering more than twenty, some are the work of acknowledged masters. They represent ten generations of the family of the donor beginning with Captain George Curwen, the original immigrant, who established with Hugh Peters the ship-building interest, and bought John Woodbury's house opposite the First Meeting House, and who died in Salem before the Witchcraft outbreak—a painting done in 1675 (the actual silver-headed cane and lace bands represented

therein are given us with the picture), the series ending with a portrait of the donor painted by Charles Osgood in 1860. No man has lived in Salem of late who united in himself more conspicuous lines of descent or more remote ancestral traditions. Many distinguished persons are perpetuated in these portraits.

Among the priceless relics included in this bequest we come into possession of a sampler wrought by Mary Hollingsworth, who in 1676 married Philip English, our first great merchant, and of another sampler wrought in 1718 by Eunice Bowditch, a great-great-grandmother of the donor and daughter of Captain William Bowditch. He was born in September, 1663, and lived at the old Bowditch homestead, now the Plummer Hall estate, from 1688 until his death in May, 1728.

Also a silver patch-box which belonged to the daughter of Deliverance Parkman. She became in 1711 the wife of the Rev. George Curwen, of the First Church.

Also the pillow cases with embroidered initials of Thomas and Mary Gardner married, April 22, 1669. The Gardners were the great-great-great-great-grandfather and grandmother of the donor, and also once lived on the Plummer Hall estate.

Also eighteen vellum-bound volumes of the Journal of Judge Samuel Curwen, the loyalist refugee, covering the momentous period between 1775 and 1784. This Journal was edited and published, in 1842, by the late George Atkinson Ward.

Also six fine miniatures on ivory, some of them likenesses of members of the Sparhawk-Pepperrell family — some of the Furneaux-Clarks, who left Salem for Virginia and intermarried with the Washingtons. Of Major John Clark, a British officer in the French and Indian War, we had already a fine, full-length miniature, and also his gold watch, which, having been in possession of the late Judge Ebenezer Rockwood Hoar, that eminent statesman, towards the end of his life and when in very feeble health, made a journey all the way from Concord to Salem, for the satisfaction of placing it with his own hand in the keeping of the Essex Institute.

Also an ancient "full-dressed" bedstead and bed, with all the appointments.

Also a table used while in College by Samuel and George Curwen who were graduated at Harvard in 1735.

Also a Nuremburg hall-clock of 1737, with a chime of fifteen bells.

Also a large collection, only less interesting than these, of china ware and glass, of antique furniture finely carved and decorated — desks, arm-chairs, fire-screens, mirrors, sofa, snap-table and parlor chairs, which time would fail me to describe in detail.

I treat this bequest exceptionally because it is certain that the Institute never had at any one time before so interesting a gift, and because I suppose it to be very unlikely that it can ever again receive a donation of so extraordinary a kind. While it emphasizes anew the demand for room, we cannot fail to observe that, should we ever realize the hope long entertained of getting possession of and restoring some veritable seventeenth century house—there are a few such left— we shall, with the large accumulation of kitchen furnishings and other antique appointments already collected, be in a condition to equip such a house and to make of it as has been done at Hadley, at Concord, at Ipswich, a trustworthy and instructive exhibit of the home life of the colonists.

I have once more to regret that the time has not yet arrived when we shall be able to make a definite reply to the offer of the Story casts now or lately awaiting our order in Italy.

I take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt during the year of one thousand dollars added to the building fund, from a source which I am not at liberty to disclose, and also of a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of employing upon the manuscript collections an extra assistant, the contributor of which also prefers to remain unknown. On like terms we have received from several ladies heirlooms of peculiar value and interest, such as watches, miniatures, finger-rings and the like, as well as from the Misses Ropes a large addition to our collection of coins and medals; from Dr. Richard H. Derby of New York a mass of Derby family manuscripts, supplementing a considerable accumulation already arranged and mounted; from General Arthur Forrester Devereux his presentation and regulation swords worn during the Civil war; from the

sister of General Frederick Townsend Ward his three-quarters-length portrait; from the Chinese foreign office an exact copy of the Imperial Edict issued at his death; and from the Hon. Charles Warwick Palfray, whom Mr. Curwen's death leaves the last survivor of the Essex Historical Society, the Conant Bible. There have been other valuable gifts and it seems almost invidious to mention any without enumerating all.

By the sale and exchange of duplicates we have been enabled without cost to fill gaps in the working libraries of genealogy and town history and in our special collection of Essex County authors. It has been thought well to supplement the rare and exceptional Chinese library given us by the late Mr. Hunt with such current publications relating to China as prove to have a recognized value.

The Essex Institute has once more an extremely favorable opportunity for trying the experiment of the old-time "Field Meeting." The Whittier Home Association is established at Amesbury and composed of leading ladies of the Merrimac Valley from Haverhill to Newburyport, and it is in possession of the Poet's home. It has more than once declared its wish to entertain the Institute. We have now a formal and most cordial invitation for a visit to Amesbury at some time during the months of June and July to be determined by us. We have also another invitation, received within a few days, to be the guests of the Methuen Historical Society at Methuen.

If there be one feature which more than another has made the Institute acceptable to its members and commended it to the critical public, it is the elasticity of its organization. This license has of necessity tended to warp its development now in one direction, now in another. Other causes contribute. Library Organization has now taken rank as a new science, with its experts, schools and professors. The activity of the various patriotic orders has set thousands of neophytes to following out their ancestry, and this has created a new industry, employing experts devoted to the search. Just now we seem to be passing through a period of Genealogical Research and of Library Organization. There is a constant tendency, in an institution like this, sustained as it is in the main by

voluntary effort, to narrow itself from time to time to the special interests in which its active patrons for the moment happen to be enlisted. To the observer whose view extends over a period of forty years the Institute would seem at one time to be all science—at another all genealogy or local history. Now horticulture, now music and the fine arts, now field-meetings, now the microscope, have seemed in turn to be the dominating activity. No one would suspect, from simply observing the working of the Institute at any given time, that its objects were all-embracing. But they are very comprehensive. The charter covers the civil history and the natural history of Essex County, horticulture, the arts and sciences, and all literature; there is "no pent-up Utica" here. The enthusiasts who are willing to sustain the burden of administering the Institute, at any one time, must be allowed to do so very much in their own way. The individualism of the working member must be indulged and guarded and a broad and generous latitude vouchsafed.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

Annual reports must necessarily be devoted largely to statistical information which is not infrequently of the "dry as dust" variety. There is little opportunity to dally with the picturesque traditions of sleeping generations or to paint in wealth of adjective the possibilities the future has yet to disclose, so in listening to the fifty-second annual report of the Secretary, should it fail of interest, remember the limitations of the subject.

The membership of the Essex Institute on May 1, 1900, was 874, consisting of 754 active members, 25 life members and 95 upon the list of corresponding members. During the past year death has stricken from our rolls twenty-one names: George R. Curwen who became a member in 1849; Charles A. Putnam elected in 1855; Joseph D. Tuck elected in 1861; William Northey elected in 1866 and Miss Elizabeth Wheatland in 1869. Other members who have died are Charles F. Smith, Robert C. Billings, Charles H. Gass and Jacob C. Rogers of Boston. Stephen W. Burchmore, of Hartford, Ct., Martin H. Hood of Lynn, John Prince of Essex, Henry F. Dowbridge, Mark H. Haskell, Lawrence G. Kemble, M.D., Lewis F. Miller, Mrs. Caroline Nichols, Miss Abby F. Nichols, Mrs. Grace A. Oliver and Fred A. Ward, all of Salem. Dr. Elliott Coues of Washington, D. C., a corresponding member, died on Dec. 25, 1899. Twenty-five persons whose annual assessments remained unpaid for a term of three years or more, have been dropped from the list of members in accordance with the by-laws. Twenty-six have withdrawn from membership and fifteen have been elected.

Donations have been made to the cabinet collections by eighty-five different persons at ninety-four different times.

Perhaps one of the most interesting and valuable donations is a seal made in London for Maj. Joseph Hiller, first collector of the port of Salem. On one side is the monogram of Major Hiller and on the reverse a beautifully cut profile bust of Washington which strongly resembles the St. Mémin profile made in 1798 while Washington was in Philadelphia reorganizing the army.

The lectures open to the public have all been given in Academy Hall, the Trustees of the Peabody Academy of Science having again coöperated with the Institute in maintaining the time-honored "Free Course," in which the following speakers appeared: Col. Thomas Wentworth Higginson on "American Orators and Oratory;" Dr. Frank A. Gardner on "The Tartans of the Scottish Clans," with a piper in full highland costume; Andrew McF. Davis on "The Currency of the Massachusetts Bay 1690-1750;" Prof. T. C. Mendenhall of Worcester on "The Evolution of Power;" Rev. Dillon Bronson on "Norway, Spitzbergen and Iceland;" Miss Helen A. Brooks of Boston assisted by Mrs. Louise Bruce Brooks gave a recital on "Haydn and Mozart;" Prof. Frank W. Very of Providence, R. I., lectured on "The Climate of the Moon;" Prof. William T. Sedgwick of Boston on "The Metropolitan Water Supply of Boston," and Prof. Albert Munsell of Boston on "Art in Public Places—its Teachings." Five of the lectures were illustrated with lantern slides.

The difficult problem of presenting our lectures in an auditorium of elastic seating capacity demands an early solution. On three occasions at least, during the past winter, several hundred persons have been turned away from the closed doors of Academy Hall, owing to its limited seating capacity, and on several other occasions only one-half of the seats in the hall have been occupied. It is manifestly impossible to closely estimate in advance, the attendance at each lecture, but the degree of interest shown by the public in some particularly timely topic, or the national reputation of some lecturer appearing in the course, furnishes a basis for judgment which may be accurate to a large degree. To control and regulate the attendance in a free course by issuing tickets is a diffi-

cult matter when the demand for seats, from night to night, varies so largely; and, in such cases when a large number might reasonably be expected to be present, an experiment might be deemed advisable, namely, to rent a larger hall, although by so doing it entailed an increased expenditure.

The Home Course of lectures was opened by Z. S. Holbrook of Boston, who eulogized the life and work of Dr. W. F. Poole, librarian and author, at the same time presenting to the Institute a fine portrait of Dr. Poole, by Thorp. Miss Sally H. Hacker of Lynn, read a paper on "Friends: Laws and Social Customs of the Quakers," and Edward A. Silsbee talked in his inimitable manner on "Empire—an Illusion." Gilbert L. Streeter read a paper on "Some Historic Streets and Colonial Houses in Salem," and Lindsay Swift of the Boston Public Library discussed "Popular Fads in Public Libraries." Ross Turner spoke on "Illuminated Manuscripts," showing many examples from his private collection, and Sidney Perley, lectured on "Local History." "Bands and Band Music in Salem," was the subject of a paper by Thomas Carroll of Peabody, and Richards B. Mackintosh of the same town gave the last lecture in the course, taking for his subject, "The Native Ferns of Salem."

The Institute has held no field-meetings during the past year, but accepted an invitation extended jointly by the Haverhill Historical Society and the Whittier Club of that city, to meet at the Whittier birthplace on the seventeenth day of June. Nearly five hundred persons were present representing various parts of the county, and most auspicious weather, added to interesting literary exercises, contributed to the pleasure of the occasion. Later in the season an invitation to a field-meeting was received from the Marblehead Historical Society, and the Institute was well represented on an occasion when our sister Society hospitably entertained her guests with a Marblehead fish dinner and an interesting tramp-talk given by Hon. Samuel Roads, historian of the town.

Four quarterly issues of the Historical Collections have been printed and distributed, containing transcripts of Beverly First Church Records made by William P. Upham,

extracts from the Joshua Coffin papers, Rowley Church Records, and genealogies of John Woodbury of Beverly and some of his descendants and of Isaac Esty of Topsfield and some of his descendants. Volume XXXVI begins with an illustrated article by Robert S. Rantoul, on "The Cruise of the Quero," describing Capt. John Derby's voyage to London, carrying the first intelligence of the battle of Lexington. Boxford Town Records, 1685-1706, copied by Sidney Perley; "Salem Social Life in the early Nineteenth Century, being familiar letters written between 1812 and 1831, from friends in Salem to a Salem school girl removed to Ohio," and the first installment of Salem Commoners Records, 1713-1739, complete the issue distributed on April first of this year.

The annual report for the year ending May, 1899, together with the newly adopted by-laws, a pamphlet of sixty pages, was mailed to every member early in July.

By vote of the Advisory Committee the regular publication of the Bulletin has been suspended. This was deemed advisable owing to the fact that it has been difficult to obtain manuscripts, embodying original scientific research, suitable for publication in a scientific quarterly supported by the funds of the Essex Institute. It is the expressed intention of the committee that should a paper of scientific worth, relating to Essex county, become available, the same shall be published as a monograph, these papers to be numbered and from time to time, to be bound together in continuation of the series of the Bulletin already issued.

Volume XXXV of the Historical Collections contained 350 pages of printed matter and, with the partial discontinuance of our scientific publication, the Institute might well adopt the policy of printing a larger amount of historical matter, thereby keeping in line with other societies pursuing a similar work. The volumes of the Massachusetts Historical Society average about 600 pages each and the volumes of the Proceedings of the same society are nearly as large. The New England Historical and Genealogical Register contains about 550 pages; the Historical Collections of the New York Historical Society 700 pages, and the quarterly issued by the Historical Society of Penn-

sylvania 550 pages. Our field though limited geographically is particularly rich in historical and genealogical material and the less exploited parts of the county might well receive more extended consideration.

From the sale of our Historical Collections the sum of \$467.88 has been received; from extras and other publications \$177.35; guide books \$166.13, and etchings \$117.94. Duplicate magazines and books have netted \$793.07.

About 22,000 persons, coming from all parts of the world, have visited the Institute during the year ending May 1, 1900, and this large number is the more noteworthy owing to the fact, that, with two exceptions, no large associations or societies have visited Salem during the twelve months. In September, some 600 members of the International Congregational Council visited the city and in July 350 members of the Young People's Christian Union connected with the Universalist church made the tour of Salem's spots of historic interest.

A good friend of the Institute, who obeys the biblical injunction, "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth," by a generous contribution has made it possible to employ another assistant. Her time has been almost entirely devoted to manuscripts and similar material. Fifty-two folio volumes of manuscript have been mounted and a new case occupying the centre floor space in the first floor fire-proof already has but little shelf space remaining. The manuscripts mounted during the year relate to the following families: Derby, Cleaveland, Orne, Pickering, Hathorne and Drury. Miscellaneous papers relating to the Great Pastures in Salem have been mounted in two volumes and papers and documents relating to early lead mining in the west have been arranged in one volume. Considerable progress has been made on the card index to the manuscript files and a new case containing the index has been placed in the library.

The large collection of photographs and engraved portraits is now in process of being mounted and alphabetically arranged in portfolios for ready reference. Miscellaneous autograph letters, of which many are very valuable, have also been mounted and arranged and our small collection of book plates has received similar treatment.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors a sum of money was appropriated to be expended in the purchase of photographs of buildings, streets, and historic spots in Essex County. The collection of photographs and engravings in these classes already possessed by the Institute, when supplemented by orders recently placed, will aggregate upwards of 5,000 specimens, ranging from the small engraving of a building, clipped from a bank check, to the magnificent carbon print measuring twelve by fifteen inches in size. The value of such a collection is inestimable when preserved for reference and the inspection of future generations. To walk the pictured streets of Salem a hundred years ago, how delightful to the historian and the antiquary. We are the builders and the preservers for those who are to come after us.

The collection of log books has received some seventy-five accessions during the year and several valuable journals have been deposited by the Peabody Academy of Science.

The newspapers in the basement of Plummer Hall have been sorted and wrapped and miscellaneous pamphlets have been classified and packed away in fifty-four cases awaiting the arrival of that long deferred time when the library of the Essex Institute will have shelf room for its amplest needs.

The collections of paper money and oriental coins have been arranged and mounted by Mr. John Robinson, who is always available to draw upon for assistance or advice, a value to the Institute which it is impossible for me to estimate.

In 1819, Rev. William Bentley bequeathed to the American Antiquarian Society at Worcester his manuscripts not by his own hand, which donation was supplemented in 1865 by a bequest in the will of William Bentley Fowle, a nephew of Dr. Bentley, and his executor, whereby the Society received 32 bound volumes of manuscripts and a large number of letters and other written papers. The 4,000 sermons which he was reputed to have written are none of them to be found in the collection.

The following list represents the strength of this collection of manuscript material now contained in 42 volumes.

Correspondence by and with Dr. Bentley, 4 volumes folio.

Documents and family papers of early Salem, with numerous Bentley letters, 1 volume folio.

Miscellaneous manuscripts by Dr. Bentley, in a portfolio.

List of books belonging to Dr. Bentley, 1 volume.

Rules in grammar for modern European languages, 1 volume.

Note book for the study of the French language, 1 volume.

Note book for the study of the German language, 1 volume.

Notes on natural history, 1 volume.

Rules in mathematics, etc. 1 volume.

Notes largely relating to ornithology and natural history, 1 volume.

Commentaries etc., on the scriptures, 2 volumes.

Note book on educational matters, 1816, 1 volume.

Text book for the study of natural history, 1800, 1 volume.

Reviews and criticisms, 2 volumes.

Original and detached thoughts referring to authors and their works, 6 volumes.

Meteorological observations, Salem, 1804–1817, with general statistical notes relating to the United States during the years 1806–1811, 2 volumes.

Day book containing record of events in the East Parish, Salem, births, deaths, removals, etc., beginning April 29, 1784. Also events, political and occasional, 1 volume.

Day book of personal and church accounts 1795–1819, 3 volumes.

Book of daily occurrences or diary, recording personal experiences, remarkable events, deaths, information relative to Salem and vicinity, observations on the weather, tides, shipping news, etc., etc., April 1785—Dec., 1819, 11 volumes.

In 1880 Mr. Edward Stanley Waters examined the Bentley papers and published in the Salem Gazette some twelve newspaper columns of extracts from them, principally, if not wholly, taken from the books of "daily occur-

rence." These extracts show the great value of the voluminous daily memoranda made by Dr. Bentley.

At different times since the organization of the Essex Historical Society in 1821, that society and its successor the Institute have discussed the feasibility of making extensive copies of such Bentley manuscripts as are of greatest local value, but lack of funds to meet the necessary expenditures has heretofore prevented the bringing about of this object.

Why should the matter be longer postponed? An officer of the Institute or an interested friend, probably with but a small expenditure of time, could examine the several volumes containing local material and make selections for a copyist resident in Worcester. Two hundred dollars so expended would go a long way towards bringing to Salem local historical material of the highest value, and I would offer a suggestion that an appropriation might well be made from the sum of the various amounts received from the sales of Institute publications, the same to be applied to the carrying into effect of a design long deferred.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE FRANCIS DOW,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

THE additions to the library for the year (May, 1899 to May, 1900) have been as follows :

	Vols.	Pamps.	Serials.
By donation,	1774	1892	4862
By exchange,	158	233	1053
By purchase,	279	61	531
By binding,	765		
Total of accessions,	2976	2186	6446

The donations for the year have been received from 169 individuals and 125 societies and governmental departments.

The exchanges, from 5 individuals and 233 societies of which 130 are foreign ; also from editors and publishers.

It is gratifying to note that we have received 400 volumes and 1,000 pamphlets and serials *more* than last year.

Eighteen persons have made gifts to the manuscript collection. One of these donations consists of two trunks full of miscellaneous papers which are as yet unarranged.

One new assistant since last October has been repairing and mounting manuscripts, but as this work has been done under the supervision of the Secretary and has been mentioned in his report I will not speak further of it.

One of the most interesting accessions to this department is a scrap book placed here on deposit by Miss Harriet P. Fowler of Danvers. This volume contains many valuable papers, carefully mounted, together with pamphlets, clippings and explanatory notes. Among these are several depositions and other original documents relating to the witchcraft delusion. (The depositions of

Rev. Samuel Parris, Nathanael Ingersol and Thomas Putnam were placed here by Miss Fowler several years ago.)

This book is one of fourteen which Miss Fowler has deposited during the last few years, all filled with material relating to the families and early history of Salem Village now Danvers, and of inestimable value to those employed in historical research. The members will certainly appreciate the painstaking effort of the compiler.

Good progress has been made on the card catalog considering the amount of time that has been devoted to it. About 2,600 cards have been written and these are arranged and always ready for consultation. It is hoped that the importance of a catalog for the library may appeal to some generous friend of the society so that extra assistants may be employed on this work. One person devoting only a part of her time can make but small showing in a large library which is increasing rapidly day by day. The work of labelling the books and embossing title-pages, plates, etc., is steadily going on and the genealogies, books of reference and the Story library have been so treated. A new shelf list of the best type has been completed for the biographies.

The department of genealogy and town history which is the one of all others most sought in our library has been given special attention during the past year. Many accessions have been made by gifts from our friends, by exchange and by binding. In our large collection of miscellaneous pamphlets, listed by author only, it is almost impossible to find one on a given subject unless one knows the name of the author. To overcome this difficulty in a measure, a large number of those containing historical material have been culled out from the mass and bound. About four hundred have been made accessible in this way and two hundred more are waiting for the binder.

The arrangement of this department has been improved and many visitors have expressed pleasure at being allowed to go to the shelves and select their own books, — a privilege not accorded in some libraries of this kind. There is a disposition on the part of persons not able to present their works to us, to exchange them for such of our publications as are of interest to them and I would suggest

that members send the name and address of any one who has recently published a book of historical merit so that this offer may be made to them and a mutual benefit derived.

The newspaper reading room is equipped with 55 papers of which all but 13 are published in this county. Through the coöperation of the Public Library we receive at the end of each year a large number of papers which would not reach us in any other way. Some of these are bound and others are placed on shelves convenient for reference. The Fraternity each month sends us a file of the Salem papers.

Last summer an extra assistant was employed in arranging the mass of papers in the basement of Plummer Hall. These were assorted, wrapped in stout manila paper, labelled and placed on platforms to protect them from the dampness.

All of our back numbers of Essex County newspapers are arranged so that they are easy of access. A list has been made of those needed to complete them and it is hoped that some of the missing numbers may be obtained. Newspapers of any date are acceptable to add to this collection.

The fine library on China collected and presented by the late T. F. Hunt should be added to from time to time as books are published on that subject. This would be a most fitting and desirable memorial to the memory of the donor, and great care should be taken that only such books as are worthy are placed there.

The directories have been added to during the year and frequent calls show that the value of this collection is appreciated. The early registers of the New England states (of these we have a good number) contain a large amount of historical data of which many students are not aware.

The musical library has been unpacked and placed on shelves in Plummer Hall. This collection includes about 400 anthem books. Some of the earliest are the "Singing Master's Assistant," published in Boston in 1781; "Essex Harmony," by Daniel Bayley, Newburyport, 1785; "Harmonia Americana," Boston, 1791; "Harmony of Maine," by S. Belcher of Farmington, Me.,

published in Boston, 1794; and "Worshipper's Assistant," by Solomon Howe, Northampton, 1799.

There are also oratorios, masses, operas, quartets, sonatas, etc., all alphabetically arranged. There are about 6,000 pieces of sheet music which have been placed in portfolios and properly labelled. The manuscript music includes some written by Gen. Oliver, the composer of "Federal Street;" also some very rare parchments on which the square notes are used.

This collection is supplemented by lives of all the best composers and several musical periodicals.

As this Society has the whole County for its field it is of great importance that it should preserve a special collection of books relating to the County and its history, or written by Essex County men. This idea was promoted as early as June 6, 1832, when the Essex Historical Society passed the following unanimous vote:

"*Resolved*, That a Committee, consisting of three members be appointed to procure for the Society, copies of the newspapers, which have been published in the County of Essex, and of such books, as have been written by Essex men, and published. And the said Committee are requested to solicit and procure for said Society any important manuscripts and tracts to be deposited here, appropriate to the design of this institution."

The collection so gathered has been added to from time to time and a special effort has been made during the past six months. Our stock of duplicates has been gone over and all Essex County books placed with this collection. Second-hand book stores and catalogs have been carefully watched for first editions and early imprints and the additions for the year have filled the small room allotted to this collection. It includes books and pamphlets, newspapers, circulars, programs, advertisements, etc., written by Essex County people or printed in the County. Materials of little apparent value lying here and there in the home are of inestimable value when arranged with our collection, and members are again reminded that we are like Oliver Twist "always asking for more."

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE G. WATERS,
Librarian.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last report,		\$5,964 88
Income from invested funds,	\$5,058 83	
Assessment of members,	2,151 00	
Publications sold:		
Guides,	166 13	
Story of the First Meeting House,	81 50	
Etchings,	117 94	
Historical Collections,	487 88	
Miscellaneous publications,	148 80	
Duplicate books and magazines sold,	798 07	
Rebate tax on bank tax received from State Treasurer,	48 57	
Miscellaneous,	32 37	
Extra dividends, Pepperell Manufacturing Co.,	880 00	
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R., Preferred stock, 2 1/2 shares sold,	1,423 81	
Edison Electric Illuminating Co., 43 rights sold,	113 49	
New York Central & Hudson River R. R., 41 rights sold,	164 00	
Received from the executors of the George L. Ames estate, as part of the residue,	25,000 00	
Land in Beverly sold,	443 75	
Received on account of Texas mortgages,	1,021 68	
Life membership fees,	300 00	
Contributions to a building fund,		
From "A Friend,"	1,000 00	
James J. Higginson,	50 00	
Contribution to be used for the arrangement and classification of manuscripts, from "A Friend,"	250 00	39,686 73
		<u>\$45,525 36</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries,	\$3,325 60
Extra labor,	95 28
Repairs,	172 61
Fuel,	276 37
Water and lighting,	56 31
Essex Institute proportion of certain Salem Athenæum expenses,	265 06
Postage and express,	190 67
Carried forward,	\$4,381 90

<i>Brought forward,</i>		\$4,281 90	
Supplies and miscellaneous,		102 28	
Lecture expenses,		238 00	
Expenses in collection of Texas mortgages,		98 62	
Annual meeting expenses,		66 85	
Insurance,		45 00	
Furniture and fixtures,		39 43	
Books,		737 79	
Periodicals,		111 06	
Binding,		445 14	
Etchings,		104 88	
Publications and printing,		1,063 84	
Annuities paid under various wills,		619 00	
Note and interest paid,		1,306 23	
Investments made by the Finance Committee,		34,897 21	
Accrued interest on securities purchased,		108 16	44,245 39
Cash on hand for investment,		983 86	
Cash, general account, Asiatic National Bank,		261 88	
Cash with Secretary,		35 63	1,279 87
			<u>\$45,525 26</u>

WILLIAM O. CHAPMAN,
Treasurer,
Salem, May 7, 1900.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

SALEM, MAY 7, 1900.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ESSEX INSTITUTE:

Your auditor respectfully reports that he has this day examined the securities and investments in the custody of the Treasurer and finds them to correspond with the list within.

The books of account have also been examined by me, and I find them to be correctly and properly kept and the cash balance to be \$1,279.87 as reported in the Treasurer's Report.

H. M. BATCHELDER,
Auditor.

NECROLOGY OF MEMBERS.

ROBERT C. BILLINGS of Boston, Mass., was elected a member July 15, 1895 and died June 12, 1899.

STEPHEN W. BURCHMORE of Hartford, Conn., was elected a member July 1, 1895 and died Dec. 23, 1899.

ELLIOTT COUES of Washington, D. C., a corresponding member died Dec. 25, 1899.

GEORGE R. CURWEN of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Feb. 14, 1849 and died March 17, 1900.

HENRY F. DOWBRIDGE of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Nov. 5, 1894 and died July 20, 1899.

CHARLES H. GASS of Boston, Mass., was elected a member June 20, 1898 and died Sept. 11, 1899.

MARK H. HASKELL of Salem, Mass., was elected a member March 4, 1895 and died Dec. 30, 1899.

MARTIN H. HOOD of Lynn, Mass., was elected a member Sept. 3, 1895 and died March 25, 1899.

LAURENCE G. KEMBLE, M. D. of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Sept. 17, 1894 and died August 7, 1899.

LEWIS F. MILLER of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Dec. 20, 1875 and died May 30, 1899.

ABBY F. NICHOLS of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Feb. 21, 1898 and died June 6, 1899.

MRS. CAROLINE NICHOLS of Salem, Mass., was elected a member July 2, 1894 and died Sept. 5, 1899.

WILLIAM NORTHEY of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Nov. 5, 1866 and died Jan. 25, 1900.

MRS. GRACE A. OLIVER of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Nov. 20, 1876 and died May 21, 1899.

JOHN PRINCE of Essex, Mass., was elected a member March 4, 1895 and died Jan. 5, 1900.

CHARLES A. PUTNAM of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Nov. 8, 1855 and died May 25, 1899.

JACOB C. ROGERS of Boston, Mass., was elected a member Sept. 4, 1894 and died Jan. 2, 1900.

CHARLES FREDERICK SMITH of Boston, Mass., was elected a member May 4, 1896 and died April 18, 1899.

JOSEPH DANE TUCK of Beverly, Mass., was elected a member Dec. 18, 1861 and died Jan. 11, 1900.

FRED A. WARD of Salem, Mass., was elected a member April 30, 1894 and died Oct. 29, 1899.

ELIZABETH WHEATLAND of Salem, Mass., was elected a member March 15, 1869 and died Jan. 2, 1900.

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Amherst, Massachusetts Agricultural College,	2	20
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Avery, Elroy M., Cleveland, Ohio,		4
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Baltimore, Maryland Geological Survey,	1	
Baltimore, Maryland Historical Society,	1	3
Baltimore, Md., Johns Hopkins University,		11
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Bancroft Whitney Co., San Francisco, Cal.,		1
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Batavia, K. N. Vereeniging in Nederlandsch-Indie,		1
Batchelder, Nathan A., Salem,	1	
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Bruxelles, Société Entomologique de Belgique,		1
Bruxelles, Société Royale de Botanique de Belgique,		1
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Burnham, John H., Bloomington, Ill.,	1	
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Gardner, Dr. Frank A.,		1
Gauss, H. C., Lynn,		1
Giessen, Oberhessischen Gesellschaft für Natur und Heilkunde,		1
Gilbert, Shepard D., Salem,		1
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Hanau, Wetteraulsche Gesellschaft für die Gesammte Naturkunde,		1
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Hodgson, Richard, Boston,		1
Holbrook, Z. S., Boston,		1
Hosmer, Marian T., No. Woburn,		1
Hovey, F. E., Plymouth,		1
Hoyt, David W., Providence, R. I., Circular.		
Hunnewell, James F., Boston,	1	
Indianapolis, Indiana Geological Survey,	1	
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Königsberg, Physikalisch-Ökonomische Gesellschaft,		1
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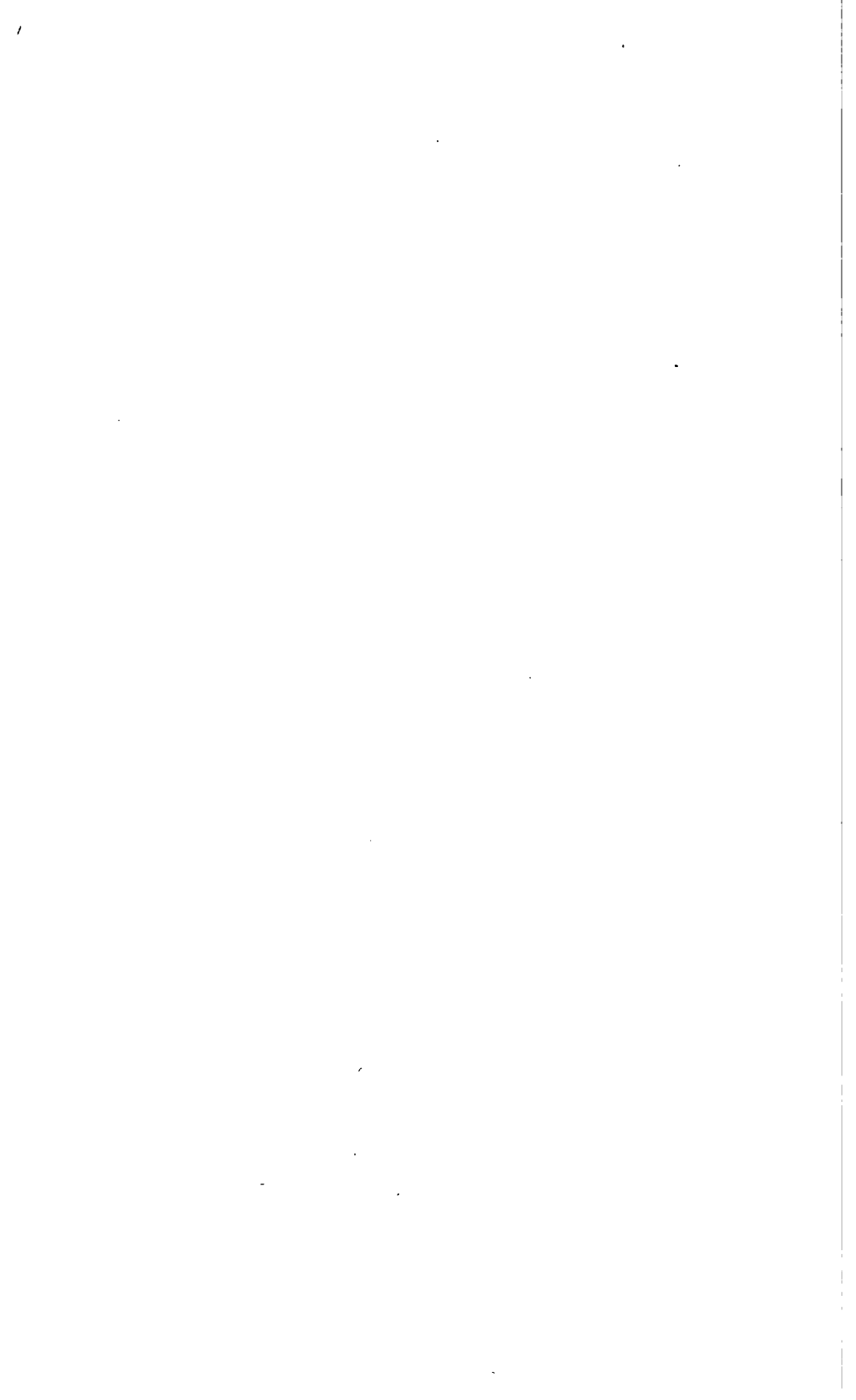
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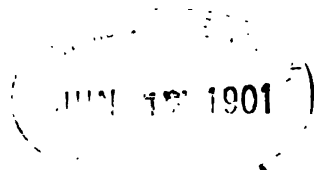
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ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

THE Institute enters upon the new century with prospects never brighter. The larger sphere which the Institute year by year is capable of filling, begins to be recognized. With new resources come new obligations. The present has a right to demand an advance on what was well enough before. Members have a right to access, not to a fraction of our books, but to all. They have a right to examine these and the museum and the collection of pictures and manuscripts, at convenient seasons less restricted than at present. Our accumulation of manuscripts is being rapidly arranged and mounted, and this work should be pushed forward until the collection shall be in condition to secure its freer use. Our public must be made to feel that the Institute is no stranger to its shortcomings, but is eager to correct them as fast as the means to do so are secured.

Besides its lecture courses and its serial publications the Institute comes in touch with the times through its museum, its manuscript and picture collections, and its library. To the critic of a strictly scientific mind, the condition of its museum — perhaps the existence of its museum — is an anomaly. A mere chance collection of strange things, without order or system, seems to the scientific observer to have little value. It panders to an unprofitable curiosity. Its lack of classification, inevitable though it be, condemns it. But there are other points of view. The Museum of Antiquities has its uses. And while it may be doubted whether any approximation to the methods of arrangement which prevail in Museums of Science can be applied to an agglomeration of material such as has been accumulating in our hands since 1821, it is not difficult to see that the sentimental and suggestive

value of a Museum like ours is a matter quite aside from any possible system of arrangement. The New England of the past lives again in it. The splendid scientific collections of the Peabody Academy, arranged under the present able administration so as to promote, in an effectual way, the great educational design of the distinguished founder, contain all that the East India Marine Museum contained, supplemented by incalculably more of equal or greater value, and no doubt, contribute more to the life of Essex County. But, in the process of reconstruction, the old Museum, the pride of Salem, possessed of a local history and local traditions which gave it all its flavor, and made it in the middle of the last century the monument of our commercial prime, has been totally lost. The loss is a serious one, and one that no resident of this section whose ancestral roots run back for two or three centuries into our soil, will ever cease to mourn. Science has no habitat. Its field is the Universe. I do not suppose that the system to which a museum of natural science lends itself can be applied, or ought to be applied, to a collection like ours, chaotic though ours may seem to be. Certainly no such system was attempted under either of my predecessors, at periods when the collection was smaller, not even by Dr. Wheatland who was thoroughly at home in scientific methods. If it should become needful hereafter some successor will no doubt be ready to apply it.

Perhaps the most marked advance of the year will be found in the systematic work which has been bestowed upon our growing library, under the enthusiastic and intelligent supervision of the present Librarian. Her report, dealing with this topic in detail, will show how sufficient are the grounds for congratulation, and it is only needful for me to add that the quality and spirit of her work deserve all praise. The Reports of the Secretary and of the Treasurer are severally commended to your attention.

I am pleased to be able to say that a beginning has at last been made towards securing copies of such portions of the Bentley Manuscript at Worcester as specially illustrate the life of our distinguished townsman, and the local history of Salem and of this section in the brilliant

commercial period, dating between 1783 and 1820, during which he lived among us. To insure this result the American Antiquarian Society has shown, from the moment when the suggestion of our wish was made, that cordial interest and generous coöperation which were to have been expected of so eminent a body, and offers of funds for the purpose from friends of the Institute make it possible to begin at once the publication of these papers, without a draft upon our treasury.

The fortieth thousand of the Visitor's Guide will soon be exhausted. Timely steps have been taken to supply the market with a new, and it is hoped an improved, edition of that much appreciated work.

A Geological Survey of the County, by Mr. Sears of the Peabody Academy of Science, is in course of preparation, and the cost of publishing it, which will be quite considerable, will be borne by a single patron of the Essex Institute. It will be copiously illustrated, and will be not merely a valuable, but a most timely addition to our numerous contributions to the Science of the period, for it will help to restore the balance between the scientific and historical departments of the Institute, which, through changed conditions at times unavoidable but not likely to be permanent, find themselves just now less able than formerly to maintain their normal proportions.

More paid assistance has been employed in our work this year than ever before, but the limit of our necessities is not reached. As we are able, from time to time, to find competent and faithful helpers in our peculiar field, it will be desirable to increase still further our working force. The compensation of one assistant has been furnished as heretofore by an interested friend, who is anxious to see our great and invaluable manuscript collections mounted and indexed, and brought into a condition to be useful to the student.

Besides the notice which was taken of the advent of the New Century, there have been two Field-meetings this year, held respectively at Methuen and at Amesbury, upon the cordial invitation of local organizations; at both, the hospitality of those interesting old towns was generously extended. A prospect has been held out of

two or more invitations to be tendered during the coming season.

Those of our members, who are anxious to bring the collections with which we have been intrusted to their greatest possible usefulness, will not be satisfied until our rooms, so far as may be, are thrown open on Sundays, on holidays, and in the evening. Peculiar difficulties oppose themselves to this desirable change, growing in part out of the peculiar internal arrangement of our buildings and the peculiar character of the collections to be guarded. Our treasures are not deposited in a few large rooms where effective supervision is easy. On the contrary, they are exhibited in a number of small rooms requiring an equal number of persons to guard them properly; a number quite out of proportion to that employed in such service at the Public Library or at the Peabody Academy of Science. These are not urged as reasons why the step in advance should not be taken, but only as obstacles to be surmounted. Somehow they will be overcome, and when overcome, the Institute will be approximating more nearly to the full measure of its capacity for helpfulness. The experiment of opening our rooms for a single evening in each week, to which the Secretary has generously devoted his time and service since January last, would seem to show, from its limited success, either that the day has not come for advancing on this particular line, or else that we have not chosen the best methods for initiating the movement.

Our two courses of evening meetings have been a little better sustained this winter than before. The attendance upon the public course has been uniformly good in quality and generally good in numbers. The disorder formerly created by boys from the street, who seemed to come in with a view to keeping warm and being entertained with pictures, and while there were no pictures on the screen, to entertaining themselves in ways most offensive to the speaker and to all who would be listeners—this abuse has been utterly suppressed, as it was necessary that it should be if desirable speakers were to be induced to address us. We are again under obligation to our neighbors, the Peabody Academy of Science, for the hospitality of their delightful hall.

The attendance at the Home Meetings has not been satisfactory, though a little better than in recent years. While the papers presented have been listened to with attention, the discussions which have followed have required a good deal of stimulating to keep them alive, and the rooms, on a number of evenings, have been very poorly filled. It is but fair to the Lecture Committee to say in their behalf that those who were present have uniformly expressed surprise and regret that the meetings are treated by members with so much indifference. With a score or two of exceptions, no sense whatever of an obligation on the part of members to sustain these evening meetings seems to survive. It is certainly a mistake to keep them up a moment longer than they can be made profitable. Whether it be that the night for them is ill-chosen, or the location of the Institute rooms is unfortunate, or the method of conducting the meetings is not well-conceived, no *esprit de corps* seems to prevent members from freely devoting their Monday evenings to other occupations than the meetings of the Institute. I am well aware that the lecture platform as a means of public instruction is no longer in favor. We are no exception to the common experience. So it is in Salem: so it is elsewhere. But it is certainly of the first importance to the prestige of this Society not to be persistently attempting the impossible. There are other fields of activity in which the Institute has labored before and can labor again. And if it be demonstrated that our membership no longer cares to sustain by its presence such lecture courses as we can offer, the sooner the energies and resources of the Institute are turned into other channels the better for all of us. The shortening of the two courses, so that they close with the end of March rather than of April, seems to have been a change in the right direction. Other changes have been proposed. It has been thought that the free discussions which formerly took the place of the reading of stated papers by speakers announced in advance, as is now practised, might attract a better attendance. Something must be devised to add an interest to this department of our work or the time is at hand when it will be abandoned as not worth the effort

and embarrassment it involves. Before that time shall arrive, I hope the matter will be considered in all its possible bearings. It is an incivility to ask persons to address us if we cannot insure them a hearing.

The publications of the year have appeared with commendable promptness and, I believe, have sustained in fair measure the high standard of excellence which has for years been conceded to them. Essex County is a rare storehouse of antiquarian and historical material and it is not difficult, with intelligent effort, to obtain a sufficient supply of it for the press. I see no reason why our publications may not continue to possess, for an indefinite future, the degree of value to the investigator which have given them their standing. It is a discouraging, and to me an inexplicable fact, that no means seem to be within our reach for making the subscription list and sales of our publications bear some relation to the cost of them. The fact that they are supplied to free libraries so largely, all over the country, and there consulted, is the most obvious solution of this enigma, but it certainly seems just that those who enjoy the use of these publications should in some way bear a larger share in the burthen of producing them. I believe the Visitor's Guide is the only publication of the Institute, save the ephemeral productions printed at the two Institute Fairs, which has ever paid a profit.

The Institute has been fortunate, this year, in the character of the accessions to its Museum of Antiquities.

A strip of American-made duck, presented by Mr. George Chase of Salem, and bearing one of those verses for the production of which his late father had a well-appreciated gift, has been framed and suspended at the foot of the staircase. The lines pay a tribute to Lafayette ingeniously interwoven with a tribute to American enterprise. They are as follows :—

While winds shall blow, and seas shall roll,
While aught remains that's good and great,
Our native duck, from pole to pole,
Shall waft the fame of Lafayette.

This strip of sail-cloth proves to have been the product of one of the earliest duck-factories in the country,

established by our great ship-owner, sometime Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, the ancestor of a most distinguished progeny, William Gray. The factory is still standing on Spring Street near Collins Cove, and has since been improved at various times by the Pulsifer Brothers as a paint shop and painted-carpet factory,—by David Mason Little for boat-building purposes and by Ross Turner as a studio. Its low stud, heavy timbers, small window-panes and broad sashes, carry it back at least a century. On August 31, 1824, Mr. George C. Chase was employed there as an accountant in the duck-factory. Lafayette passed through Salem that day and this identical strip of duck, inscribed as you see it, was suspended from an elaborate arch erected across the head of Winter Street, under which the Marquis passed on his way to Portsmouth. At least three of the chroniclers of his tour relate the incident in the books they published, and record the verse in full. So it has passed into history. It will be remembered that Lafayette landed in Marblehead on his first arrival in America, April 27, 1780, and was here again, October 29, 1784.

We have had on exhibition in our cases several relics of Napoleon, secured and brought home by our old-time shipmasters and others and deposited by them in the East India Marine Museum. No collection of curiosities of a historical character is complete without a relic of Napoleon. These relics range all the way from his military carriage at Madame Tussaud's in London to the hat which he left on the field of Leipzig, now treasured, with a hat of Peter the Great and the flute of Frederick the Great, in the National Museum at Dresden. The skeleton of Napoleon's famous little white Arab charger "Marengo," is preserved and set up at the Army and Navy Club in London. These relics do good service in bringing freshly before the mind the man and his unparalleled career.

We are now able, through the generosity of Dr. Richard H. Derby of New York, to add to our exhibit of Napoleon relics a shirt of delicate fabric of which this is the history: The late George W. Strong, an eminent attorney-at-law of New York City, received it about the year 1850 from his client, Madame Berthemey, a kinswoman of the French

Minister at Washington. Mr. Strong was the grandfather of Dr. Derby and, since 1850, it has been in the custody of that family. Madame Berthemey had the shirt from a kinsman of hers who, in turn, received it from a member of his family serving as a general on the staff of Napoleon in the Russian Campaign. On the fatal retreat from Moscow, after passing Smolensk, Napoleon had ordered that the personal baggage of his officers should be sacrificed to lighten the march, and at several points, when hard pressed, his own equipage shared the fate of that of his staff. One of these occasions was the dreadful scene at the burning bridge over the Berezina. A staff officer, seeing a chest which bore the imperial monogram floating in the river, and thinking that its contents might work mischief if in the hands of the enemy, recovered it and found it to contain a portion of the wardrobe of Napoleon. This shirt was a part of its contents.

The last great captain before the advent of Napoleon Bonaparte, serving first under the great Duke of Marlborough, and later in life as the mainstay of the long reign of Louis XV, and dying twenty years before Napoleon's birth, was Maurice de Saxe, known to history as Marshal Saxe. Napoleon said of him that he saved monarchy to France for forty years. A character little known here, one would say, and as little associated with Essex County as any of the world's historic figures. Last spring our indefatigable Secretary brought to me a musty, old, leather-bound and brass-studded chest which probably had not been disturbed since Dr. Wheatland packed it away under the eaves of the attic in moving into Plummer Hall. It contained a mass of ill-assorted business letters and accounts, mostly written in French, which it seemed well to examine before relegating the trunk to another period of oblivion. From these it appeared that the collection of papers had belonged to a merchant of Bordeaux,—one of those Frenchmen who had made Salem, as they often did, an *entrepôt* in doing business between Bordeaux and the West Indies at a time, about 1793, when the heads of conspicuous Frenchmen were safer almost anywhere than in France. He had been a political personage of some consequence in the French West Indies,

where he seemed to have had authority enough to convene meetings of citizens, and was once called on to prevent a duel by arrest of parties. He had also been on close business terms with Captain Nathaniel West and with Captain Joshua Ward, both leading merchants of Salem. His name was Jean Benoit de Lemarque. I have been unable to trace him at Bordeaux or elsewhere. Jean Benoit is the name of a famous Huguenot preacher of that part of France. De Lemarque is the name of one of Napoleon's generals. He seems to have left these papers in Salem with the purpose of sending for them later and for some reason to have failed to do this. Most of them were matters of indifference, but among them, preserved with very special care in an ancient parchment wrapper, was what purports to be a will executed by Marshal Saxe in 1746 with a codicil added in 1748. Is this in the handwriting of Saxe? Was it a last will which had been purposely suppressed? Was it an earlier will which had been superseded by a later? It disposed of his Livonian Estates, bought with the fortune of the actress, Lecouvreur, gave to his nephew his great diamond, "Le Prague," and his manuscript memoir on the "Art of War," and directed that his body should be consumed in quicklime so that, as soon as may be, nothing shall remain but the memory of him cherished by his friends. The document not only possessed curious interest but might have large pecuniary value. Of course the chances were against this, but the possibility was incentive enough to warrant some effort, and in it the assistance of the United States Embassies at Paris and Berlin was promptly rendered.

The Bibliothèque Nationale at Paris knew of no such will left by Marshal Saxe, nor was I able to find in books within my reach or in the knowledge of scholars, a trace of such a will.

The Royal Library of Saxony, at Dresden, where they have made a specialty of relics of the Marshal, desired to buy it if, on examining a photographic copy, they should find it to be an autograph. Before incurring expense, I hoped to be able to find some autograph of Saxe for the purpose of comparison, but was repeatedly assured by experts that no authentic handwriting of Saxe was to be

found on this continent. At last it was discovered that the Astor Library at New York possessed an autograph letter. Upon sending tracings of our manuscript to New York the expert there was unable to determine whether it was or was not the writing of Saxe, which it clearly resembled. I then inserted in the *American Register*, a Journal published simultaneously at Paris and London, an account of the strange discovery, and this was brought to the attention of various parties in Europe, who might have some acquaintance with the subject, with the ultimate result that the British Museum sent word that such a will of the Marshal had appeared in a French Memoir published anonymously a considerable number of years after his death. So that if the document should now prove to be in the handwriting of Saxe, it is not a newly discovered will and would now possess a more limited interest and value than if, as I had hoped, it should have proved to be an unknown will, either surreptitiously suppressed or superseded by a will of later date.

The plans drawn by our townsman, Samuel McIntire, for the Capitol at Washington at the close of the eighteenth century, and a good deal commended at that time, are in existence and five of them, including designs and elevations, have been traced to the possession of the Maryland Historical Society at Baltimore. Two of these drawings have recently been reproduced at the cost of the United States Government, in a sumptuously printed volume giving, together with copious illustrations, the history of the Capitol Building prepared by Glenn Brown. A copy of this rare and elaborate work has just been secured and added to our already considerable collection of McIntire drawings. This collection includes the working plans for the Derby Mansion, built in 1799 on Essex Street at Derby Square, as well as many designs for ornamental wood-carving for house decoration and for the bow and stern decorations of merchant ships.

We have received from Mr. John Robinson, now one of the earliest admitted members of the Institute and always one of its most loyal friends, a collection of some seven hundred pictures illustrative of the past of Salem, forming the larger part of what I have come to regard as

the finest collection of Salem scenes ever gathered by a private hand. These added to the mass we already had make our gallery a mine of wealth indeed.

Strangely enough, in view of all the descriptions which have been written and the discussion they have evoked upon the affair at the North Bridge, February 26, 1775, few artists have ever attempted to represent it in a picture. The scuttling of the flat-boats by Capt. James Barr and his friends was fancifully depicted by Robert L. Brown on a fire-bucket which was part of the apparatus of "Active" Engine Company, No. 6, of North Salem, but the engine has been sold and resold, and between this State and New Hampshire the bucket has disappeared; and the late Charles C. Redmond painted, on the hose reel of the same company, now discarded and sold, a view of the raised draw with the colonists confronting the red-coats. Except for these sketches the limners seem to have neglected the stirring scene. Our townsman, Mr. Lewis J. Bridgman, has, after careful study, produced a representation of this first forcible attempt to disarm Massachusetts, when our neighbors suddenly found themselves face to face with the might of England. We shall, this evening for the first time, have an opportunity to inspect it.

General James Miller's desk and chair have come to us from the late Hon. Charles W. Palfray, who had treasured them for many years at the office of the Salem Register, and had long declared his purpose to deposit them with the Essex Institute. General Miller died in 1851. Mr. Palfray died just after the last Annual Meeting. A veteran of the Editorial Fraternity, and probably the most thoroughly educated writer connected with the press of this section, he had lived to be the last survivor of the Essex Historical Society. He was a charter member of the Essex Institute. The old chair had not failed to attract the attention of Hawthorne while he served with General Miller at the Salem Custom House. In the preface of the "Scarlet Letter," he tells how "the gallant old general would slowly and painfully ascend the Custom House steps and with a toilsome progress across the floor—for the step was palsied now that had been foremost in the charge—attain his customary chair beside the fireplace.

There he used to sit, gazing with a somewhat dim serenity of aspect at the figures that came and went: amid the rustle of papers, the administering of oaths, the discussion of business and the casual talk of the Office. There beside the fireplace the brave old general used to sit," etc. The chair was a familiar feature of the Register office while Mr. Palfray's connection with the paper lasted. The Hon. Charles W. Upham, the Hon. William S. Messervey and other well-known habitués of the editorial room were often to be seen enjoying its restful support.

Finding ourselves, through the generosity of the late George Leonard Ames, and of the late Walter Scott Dickson and of other friends, in funds sufficient to provide the much needed addition to our building, and having received from a competent firm of architects an offer of gratuitous service, it had been our hope to welcome the members of the Institute at this annual meeting to larger quarters, and to the much more adequate display of our resources which larger quarters will afford. An inspection of this building will satisfy the most skeptical that it cannot properly accommodate the number of volumes already crowded under its roof. The portion of Plummer Hall occupied by the Institute is equally congested, and our usual gathering place for the annual meeting is unavailable, being now filled with valuable accessions of furniture, pictures and books lying in a hopeless mass. Under these circumstances, it is practically impossible to reach volumes called for by members which they know we have, and the conditions will not improve until we have more room. But unavoidable delays have postponed that consummation.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

ON presenting an annual report, it would seem eminently proper to show a trial balance of gain and loss during the year brought to a close, and therefore I think it well to call your attention to our loss in membership since May 1, 1900, when eight hundred and seventy-four names were enrolled. To be sure, a very considerable proportion of the decrease is due to a revision and correction of the list of corresponding members, yet, on the list of active, paying members there has been a decrease of twenty-nine names, due to death and withdrawal.

The membership of the Essex Institute on May 1, 1901, was eight hundred and ten in number, consisting of seven hundred and twenty-five active members, twenty-five life members and sixty upon the corresponding list. During the past year twenty-three of our members have died :— Hon. Charles W. Palfray who was a charter member of the Essex Institute ; Hon. William C. Endicott, who was elected in 1854, and Alfred Osgood and James Harris, both of whom were elected in 1869. Other names to be added to our necrology are, Ex-Gov. Roger Wolcott, Samuel Johnson and Mrs. Stephen E. Wescott, of Boston ; William C. Beaman of New York City ; Caleb H. Warner of Cambridge ; George Cogswell, M.D. of Bradford ; Ira P. Pope of Danvers ; Amos F. Breed of Lynn, and John M. Anderson, Leroy J. Cherrington, Charles G. Chever, Walter S. Dickson, Thomas H. Johnson, John H. Langmaid, Henry M. Meek, Albert B. Russell, Sarah E. Sherman, M.D., George A. D. Stickney and William G. Webber, all of Salem. Twenty persons, nearly all of whom do not reside in Essex County, have withdrawn from membership, and for non-payment of the annual

assessment, four have been dropped from the list in accordance with the By-laws. Eighteen new members have been elected.

Donations have been made to the cabinet collections by eighty-nine different persons on one hundred and seven different occasions. While the President in his address has alluded to several of the more noteworthy gifts, yet, a summary of interesting objects received during the past year may well be given at this time.

The large collection of pictures of buildings in Salem, presented by Mr. John Robinson, and numbering seven hundred and fifty-nine specimens, ranks first in historical importance and value, consisting, as it does, of original drawings of buildings long since a memory, together with engravings and photographs, it being the greater portion of his private collection and represents the painstaking accumulations of the past thirty years. With but few exceptions it contains pictures not to be found in the list of Cousins' photographs, a complete set of which has been purchased during the past twelve months. Mr. Robinson has also presented a trunk full of papers relating to the Kimball family.

Mr. John P. Tilton, secretary of the Co. F Associates, 23d Mass. Vols., presented in the name of the Company, a scrap book containing photographs of the members of the Company, with many drawings and much historical matter. A shirt of silken lawn, formerly a part of the wardrobe of Napoleon Bonaparte, and two embroidered waistcoats, at one time worn by Elias Hasket Derby, the eminent Salem merchant, have been received from Dr. Richard Derby of New York City.

Mr. William O. Chapman, administrator of the estate of the Hon. Charles W. Palfray, sends us Gen. James Miller's writing-desk and chair, and Mr. George Chase presents the piece of Salem duck, associated with Gen. Lafayette, to which the President has alluded. An oil portrait of William B. Pike, at one time Collector of ports of Salem and Beverly, comes from Mrs. Abby Burnett of Malden. Mr. Charles H. Fifield adds to our collection of household utensils, a Liverpool roaster in fine condition. This roaster was imported by the late

Nathaniel Frothingham, jr., at some time previous to 1840. Capt. Daniel B. Lord places in our custody the silken banner presented to the Salem Mechanic Light Infantry in 1857, and last, but by no means least in interest, is an iron key over nine inches in length, which was presented by a member of the Waite family of Ipswich, now residing in the western part of the state. This key locked the door of the old Ipswich jail; possibly the jail that was built in 1751, but there is a strong probability that it was in use in the previous building, from which the jail delivery took place in Witchcraft times. At any rate it was in use before the days of the Revolution.

The Institute Free Lecture Course, for the season of 1901, well maintained the high reputation established in former years. On two occasions it has been assumed that probably there would be a large attendance and in accordance with the suggestion made last year, a hall of larger seating capacity than that of the Academy was engaged. Monday evening, February 11, Mr. Joshua Phippen, assisted by Miss Mary De V. Mitchell, of Boston, soprano, and Miss Helen Tufts, of Lexington, violinist, gave a concert in the Course, in Ames Memorial Hall. If a large audience can be considered a standard by which to judge the degree of success which met the change of policy, the Lecture Committee can feel that the result amply justified the additional expenditure. Every seat in the Hall was occupied and a large number remained standing during the entire performance. Nearly twelve hundred persons were present. On January 14, Prof. William T. Sedgwick, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, opened the Free Course in the Cadet Armory, speaking on "The Disposal and Purification of Sewage in Modern Cities." The Salem City Government and the neighboring municipal authorities were present upon invitation. There was a large attendance. Other Lectures in the Free Course were, Prof. Edward S. Morse, on "China and its People;" Prof. Alpheus Hyatt, of the Boston Society of Natural History, on "Facts in the Evolution of Living Beings, not accounted for by any Theories;" Prof. Bliss Perry, editor of the Atlantic

Monthly, on "Thackeray," and Mr. Worthington C. Ford and Mr. Lindsay Swift, both of the Boston Public Library, who together occupied an evening, speaking respectively on "Ideals in Politics" and "Ideals in Literature."

The Home Course of lectures was opened by Prof. Edward S. Morse, who spoke on "The Shells of Essex County," using blackboard illustrations. Mr. Walter H. Small, Superintendent of Schools at Chelsea, Mass., read a paper on "Some Phases of Colonial Schools," and Prof. Walter P. Beckwith, of the Salem State Normal School, a paper on "Manual Training." The Secretary occupied an evening with a paper on "A Collection of Autograph Letters" and exhibited many interesting manuscripts. Rev. John Wright Buckham read a valuable paper on "The Salem Martyrs, or the Witches in Their True Light." Mr. Gilbert Streeter who had been announced to present a paper on "William Bentley," owing to illness was unable to do so, and the President occupied the vacant date, reading a paper on "Some Personal Recollections of the Poet Whittier."

The Institute held a field-meeting in Amesbury on July 16, upon invitation extended by the Whittier Home Association, and also visited Methuen on June 17, taking a prominent part in the field-meeting of Essex County local historical societies that had assembled on an invitation extended by the Methuen Society; there was a large attendance with interesting literary exercises.

Four quarterly issues of the Historical Collections have been printed and distributed, containing Beverly First Church Records, Salem Commoners' Records, the Gardner Genealogy, Crowninshield's Account of the Privateer America, Rantoul's Reminiscences of the Poet Whittier, and much other historical matter. Volume XXXVI of the Collections, the completed volume, contains three hundred and seventy-four printed pages.

The annual report for the year ending May, 1900, a pamphlet of forty-six pages, was mailed to every member early in June.

From the sale of our Historical Collections the sum of \$324.26 has been received; from extras and other publications, \$134.20; guide books, \$164.10, and

etchings, \$97.77. Duplicate books and magazines have netted, \$385.43.

During the year ending May 1, 1901, 16,621 persons visited the Institute museum.

The greatest need of the Institute at the present time is more room. Not only is the museum greatly overcrowded, but many desirable objects are now packed away for lack of space. Plummer Hall now contains the Curwen collection of furniture; and public documents, bound newspapers, pamphlets and miscellaneous books are piled here and there about the floor, owing to lack of shelf space. Because of the impossibility of museum growth and enlargement, a considerable portion of my time has been devoted to library work.

During the year the large collection of Broad sides has been mounted and alphabetically arranged in portfolios, uniform in size and style with those used in classifying the collections of portraits, views, and autograph letters. Those who have examined this method of preserving in portfolio cases, the single specimen, be it circular, woodcut or valuable autograph, commend the simplicity of the arrangement and the accessibility at any time of each specimen in the collection, whether large or small.

Large additions have been made to the collection of Essex County views. The Salem section now contains nearly two thousand five hundred specimens. Danvers, Peabody, Marblehead, Beverly and other cities and towns in the County are well represented. By an exchange effected with a member of the Institute, it has been possible for us to add to the collection some three hundred or more photographs of buildings and views in the town of Groveland. I wish that a similar collection might be obtained in every city and town in the County. Amateur photographs taken in any part of the County are much desired as well as the portrait or view to be found in the ephemeral circular or booklet. Work upon the manuscripts has been continued and all available shelf space is now occupied. It will become necessary in the immediate future to extend to the ceiling the shelving in the manuscript fireproof, at the same time building a gallery about the room. During the past year, for lack

of space in this fireproof, papers of considerable value have not received the desired protection from possible loss by fire, and the expenditure of a comparatively small sum of money will give additional shelf space sufficient to meet the probable growth of this department of the Library.

The annual salary of an assistant has again been paid by a friend of the Institute; a substantial friendship having far-reaching results.

Considerable progress has been made toward making up a duplicate set of various Salem newspapers, for, as the years go by, our files of local newspapers, now in use, will become worn and should be replaced if possible.

Thirty-two years ago the Institute printed, in its Historical Collections, the text of the first volume of Salem town clerks' records; an invaluable pen picture of the early days following the immigration. The Salem Commoners' Records, 1713-1739, now being printed in the Collections, should be completed during the coming year and I would offer the suggestion that the Institute then begin to print the second volume of clerks' records, which, in certain ways, is more valuable to the historian and local chronicler, than is the earlier volume. The expenditure of time or money necessary to procure an exact copy for the printer would be considerable, for the old court hand is not intelligible to any of our present force of assistants and it would be necessary for the secretary, or some person familiar with the record, to undertake the labor of copying.

Without an index a book loses more than one-half its value. For forty-two years the Institute has been printing in its volumes of Historical Collections, an immense amount of valuable historical and genealogical material. At the present time the larger portion of this mass remains a sealed book to the average historical student, owing to the lack of a consolidated index. The Rough Subject Index prepared by Mr. Jones, is a long step in the right direction, but what is needed is an index to every name and place, added to an exhaustive subject index.

The New England Historic Genealogical Society has

undertaken to print such an index to the first fifty volumes of its Register and has the work well under way. During the past year the secretary has nearly completed an author-title-subject index to the first twenty-five volumes of our Historical Collections, a total of about three thousand cards, while an assistant at odd half hours, has been at work card-indexing names and places, having written upwards of four thousand cards. As soon as written, these cards are alphabetically arranged in the new card index case standing in the library, and thus made available for reference. When the task is completed, should the Institute so decide, these cards can, with little labor, be pasted on sheets of paper and so converted into copy ready for the printer's hands. A printed index to our Historical Collections is a thing much to be desired.

The suggestion of last year has borne fruit, and today, as rapidly as may be, we are making a typewritten copy of the invaluable Bentley Diaries, the first volume having already been completed. The American Antiquarian Society, to whom the Bentley Manuscripts were bequeathed, has facilitated this work in every way possible, with a cordial coöperation of which I cannot speak too highly. Hardly was the work begun when Mr. William C. Endicott, jr., expressed an interest and offered to contribute one hundred and fifty dollars towards the cost of printing the Diaries, and, at the suggestion of the President, other good friends have pledged additional sums. With a somewhat larger amount than that already contributed, the Institute could within a short time, begin to put into type Dr. Bentley's story of the period between 1784 and 1819, — the Constitutional Period and the War of 1812; and, as told by so acute an observer, it cannot be too highly estimated.

In order that you may learn something of the value of this record of Salem at the close of the eighteenth century, as well as to test Dr. Bentley's power of observation, I will end my report by reading a few extracts from the Bentley Diary of 1787-8.

Feb. 26, 1787. "Was inclosed in a Letter from Major Hiller the letter of the G(rand) Master Webb, respecting the Essex Lodge, begging the Lodge to comply with

requisitions or return the Charter. The latter seems preferable, Salem not being a soil for such institution, as the Clerk informed me, at the Marine Society, the attendance was careless, & at the last December the interest of the funds was appropriated for the charities, without any charitable contribution of the members. The conclusion is safe.

April 8, 1787. Sunday. In the evening about 11 ocl: came on a heavy shower of Rain with thunder. A New Light preacher of the town by name Spaulding was alarmed in his sleep & jumped out of his chamber window into a ditch. There is no report that it has injured his understanding, and common fame imputes the accident to the distracted manner in which he had preached, & exhorted through the whole preceeding week, & particularly on the preceeding Sunday.

April 19, 1787. The Cadets appeared in their uniform for the first time, and the first military parade in Town since the War.

May 6, 1787. Saw in Newbury in the vault under the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church the remains of the Rev. George Whitefield. He died Sept. 1770. His body is yet *firm*. The *resistance* of the breast is as great as is a piece of tight parchment, both of his *hands are taken away*, & his throat cut open.

July 4, 1787. was celebrated by the military parade, of the Artillery, & Independant Companies. The Point of honor, respecting the right hand, prevented a coalition. The Artillery are in black with yellow, the Independants in red with white under-cloths. The Clergy dined at the Sun with the Cadets.

The month of January, 1788, came in before the earth was once covered with snow.

On Monday, June 23rd. 1788, we had news that the federal Constitution was adopted in New Hampshire by a majority of 11 votes. The bells rang in Town, & there was a Procession at Noon, of which the children of the Schools made the principal part. In arranging the Toasts it was proposed to add "Trade &" between Agriculture & Fishery. But the connection was over-ruled by a celebrated Protestant so that the most useful & numerous

order of citizens was forgotten in the order of the day. As soon as the procession reached the Common, there was a heavy shower of rain, which prevented any use of the tables on the Common. The provision was carried into the Court street, & wantonly wasted. The officers broke their tables at the Sun, & caroused for the night at each other's houses.

June 21, 1788. Andrew's Tann Yard on the Common bought by Chever & Gardner, & carried north the whole width, & a new part put in upon the junction of the north west, & south east parts. Pasca Foots' building, on the street leading to the Neck gate, between Turner's & Becket Lane, moved round and repaired. Webb's house on the Common had an addition of a shop on the front north side. Capt. Mason built a shop on the Common, east of his own dwelling house.

Sept. 12, 1788. Saw with Mr. Pulling a wax Impression of the Seal for Essex Bridge, of which I promised a copy to Mr. Mason. The last pier of Essex Bridge was raised on Sept. 6th.

Oct. 26. 1788. I exchanged with Mr. Freeman, & preached at the Kings' Chapel. The first instance of this mutual service between Churches with & without Liturgies.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE FRANCIS DOW,

Secretary.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

THERE has been a great advance in the condition of the Library during the past year. It now furnishes increased facilities for study and research, and supplies many books which can be found only in two or three libraries in New England.

The value of the Library in the department of New England town histories, where it was already rich, has been greatly enhanced by the purchases of the past year. Persistent effort has been made to fill gaps, and as a result the shelves have become so congested that it has been necessary to erect a double set of shelves through the centre of one of the small rooms, and now even that is filled. The rapid growth of this class may be realized by the following figures: two years ago the genealogies, all the New England town histories, and those of New York and Pennsylvania, filled only eight tiers of nine shelves each. Today the genealogies occupy five tiers,—town histories of New England, eleven tiers,—and those of other states, fourteen tiers of the same size,—showing that this class—New England town histories and genealogies—has nearly *quadrupled*.

The strength of each state is as follows: 172 works relating to New England in general; Maine, 172; New Hampshire, 251; Vermont, 87; Massachusetts, 1,301; Rhode Island, 151; Connecticut, 157; making a total of 2,291 works.

There are 1,065 genealogies and 2,977 biographies.

All of these books have been re-numbered and shelf-listed, and it is gratifying to be able to say that this department is in better condition than ever before in the history of the Institute.

Large additions have been made to the special collection of books on Essex County. Arrangements have been made in several cities and towns of this County to secure all books and pamphlets printed there. Even with the addition of new shelves, this class has already outgrown the room allotted to it and now occupies *three* times as much space as it did a year ago. This collection now numbers 1857 volumes and 10,500 pamphlets. Every available inch of wall space in this room has been covered with shelving and more room for growth must be provided.

Good work has been done on the duplicate books and pamphlets, and enough money has been received to make many additions to the Library not warranted by the amount otherwise available for this purpose. Accordingly we have acquired a large number of town histories and genealogies,—a Century dictionary, — several encyclopedias and other books of reference,— and *best of all*, a new case for the card catalog.

Eight English periodicals, covering localities from which Essex County settlers came, have been added to our subscription list.

The books on Slavery have been re-arranged and the pamphlets put into cases to protect them from dust.

578 volumes have been bound during the year.

There has been little change in the newspaper reading room since last year. We receive regularly fifty newspapers, of which thirty-nine are published in Essex County. The Peabody Index to the Salem Register has been completed and this with the Whipple Index to the Gazette is of great value. It is essential to bind as many of our Essex County newspapers as possible and only lack of shelf room prevents this work. It is hardly necessary for me to call attention to the crowded state of the newspaper cases. The files of the Salem Observer and all miscellaneous Salem papers have been crowded out, and there is no room for this year's papers when they come from the bindery.

We have sixty-one volumes of biographical scrap books dating from 1830 to the present time, and Mr. George L. Peabody, who is ever ready to assist, is now at work on a general index for these volumes. This will make

available for ready reference a large amount of valuable matter which would otherwise be buried in the files of bound newspapers.

The work on the card catalog has progressed and during the year, a case with a capacity of 60,000 cards has been purchased and placed in a prominent place in the reading room.

The multitude of details of routine library work consumes much more time than one would realize. Innumerable demands are made on the time of the Librarian and until the work can be systematized this must interfere with the best results. In a library of this size one assistant should be employed to place each day's accessions in proper location, and thereby much confusion might be avoided, and time and labor saved.

The rapidly accumulating public documents have already exhausted all available space in Plummer Hall and more room must be provided in some way. The question of where to put books is becoming a serious one, and an addition to the present building is an absolute necessity.

The experiment of opening the library one evening each week was tried during the months of January, February and March. The Secretary was in attendance and gave much assistance to students. It is surprising to note that although the members of the Institute constantly deplore the fact that the Library is not open evenings, the largest number present on any one evening was seven, the average attendance was four, and on one evening no one appeared. This would seem to show that a very small per cent of the Institute members take any interest whatever in the matter of keeping the Library open evenings, and that the demand is not sufficient to call for a repetition of the experiment next winter.

The additions to the Library for the year (May, 1900, to May, 1901), have been as follows :

	Vols.	Pamphs.	Serials.
By donation,	2,484	2,683	4,166
By exchange,	105	187	1,321
By purchase,	315	236	303
By subscription,			395
Total of accessions,	2,854	3,106	6,184

The donations for the year have been received from 168 individuals and 178 societies and governmental departments.

The exchanges, from 6 individuals and 253 societies, of which 127 are foreign ; also from editors and publishers.

A comparison of these statistics with those of last year, shows that we have received 643 volumes and 658 pamphlets and serials *more* than last year, making the total strength of the Library, May 1, 1901, 82,830 volumes and 285,922 pamphlets and serials.

Ten persons have made donations to the manuscript collection. Among these were a portfolio of rare papers from the late George R. Curwen ; the manuscript of "Olden Time Music" by Henry M. Brooks ; the manuscript of "Witchcraft in Salem Village" by Winfield S. Nevins ; two scrap books on Whittier and one relating to the old Putnam cupboard from Miss Harriet P. Fowler of Danvers ; a trunk full of Kimball family papers and a large number of letters and miscellaneous manuscripts.

The size of our Library has long made it somewhat conspicuous among New England collections of this kind, but now that the time approaches when its quality is to be made known and its wealth made available through re-organization and system, the appreciation in which it has been held will keep pace with its growth.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE G. WATERS,

Librarian.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last Report,		\$1,279 87
Income from Invested Funds,	7,878 66	
Assessment of Members,	1,821 00	
Publications sold:		
Visitor's Guides,	164 10	
Hawthorne Photographs,	4 03	
Etchings,	93 74	
Historical Collections,	324 26	
Miscellaneous Publications,	134 20	
Duplicate Books and Magazines sold,	388 63	
Miscellaneous (postage),	5 52	
Old paper stock,	6 55	
Rebate tax on Bank Shares,	84 57	10,705 26
Donations,		428 40
Texas Mortgages paid and Land sold,	2,303 61	
Paid on account of James H. Morse mortgage,	900 00	
Cash from Executors of George L. Ames estate,	783 30	
Note of Philip S. Johnson,	101 97	
Reduction of capital Third National Bank, Boston,	1,000 00	
Sale of "Rights," etc.,	273 94	
Savings Bank interest, added to Principal,	11 71	5,384 53
		<u>\$17,798 06</u>

EXPENSES.

Salaries,	\$3,409 91
Extra Labor,	41 40
Fuel,	225 62
Light and Water,	82 67
Postage and Express,	203 14
Supplies and Miscellaneous,	270 64
Repairs, Furniture and Fixtures,	394 31
Periodicals,	101 96
Books,	967 89
Publications and Printing,	812 64
Binding,	411 09
Annual Meeting Expenses,	67 50
Lecture Expenses,	291 60
Annuities paid, under various wills,	610 00
Essex County Views,	118 17
Carried forward,	\$7,908 54

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$7,908 54	
Essex County Library,	79 43	
Insurance,	186 00	
Expense in collecting Texas Mortgages, etc.,	404 76	
Expense in copying Bentley Manuscripts,	3 45	
Painting of North Bridge Affair,	100 00	
Twentieth Century Celebration,	182 88	
Essex Institute proportion, of certain Salem Athenæum expenses,	202 02	
		\$8,987 08
Investments, made by Finance Committee,		4,551 52
		<u>\$13,538 60</u>
Balance of Cash on hand:		
For investment,	\$2,915 87	
General Account,	1,343 59	
		<u>\$4,259 46</u>
		<u><u>\$17,798 06</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM O. CHAPMAN,

Treasurer.

May 6, 1901.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SALEM, MAY 6, 1901.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ESSEX INSTITUTE :

Your Finance Committee has examined the vouchers, securities and accounts in the hands of the Treasurer as provided for in the By-laws. The books appear to be carefully kept and the expenditures properly vouched. The securities examined were according to the list submitted by the Treasurer. The Annual Report of the Treasurer has been examined, and is hereby certified to be correct.

ROBERT S. RANTOUL, *Chairman,*
for Finance Committee.

NECROLOGY OF MEMBERS.

JOHN M. ANDERSON of Salem, Mass., was elected a member May 6, 1895, and died August 8, 1900.

CHARLES C. BEAMAN of New York, N. Y., was elected a member February 18, 1895, and died December 15, 1900.

AMOS F. BREED of Lynn, Mass., was elected a member February 18, 1895, and died May 22, 1900.

LEROY J. CHERRINGTON of Salem, Mass., was elected a member March 20, 1893, and died March 11, 1901.

CHARLES G. CHEVER of Salem, Mass., was elected a member September 17, 1894, and died March 14, 1901.

GEORGE COGSWELL, M.D. of Bradford, Mass., was elected a member in 1870, and died April 21, 1901.

WALTER S. DICKSON of Salem, Mass., was elected a member March 20, 1893, and died May 12, 1900.

HON. WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT of Danvers Centre, Mass., was elected a member May 31, 1854, and died May 6, 1900.

JAMES HARRIS of Salem, Mass., was elected a member April 5, 1869, and died January 27, 1901.

SAMUEL JOHNSON of Boston, Mass., was elected a member December 2, 1894, and died August 13, 1899.

THOMAS H. JOHNSON of Salem, Mass., was elected a member January 3, 1876, and died October 19, 1900.

JOHN H. LANGMAID of Salem, Mass., was elected a member April 1, 1878, and died May 19, 1900.

HENRY M. MEEK of Salem, Mass., was elected a member April 16, 1883, and died July 9, 1900.

ALFRED OSGOOD of Newburyport, Mass., was elected a member May 3, 1869, and died March 31, 1899.

HON. CHARLES W. PALFRAY of Salem, Mass., was elected a member June 11, 1851, and died May 13, 1900.

IRA P. POPE of Danvers, Mass., was elected a member November 4, 1894, and died July 30, 1900.

ALBERT B. RUSSELL of Salem, Mass., was elected a member April 30, 1894, and died November 23, 1900.

SARAH E. SHERMAN, M.D. of Salem, Mass., was elected a member May 7, 1894, and died December 6, 1900.

GEORGE A. D. STICKNEY of Salem, Mass., was elected a member July 16, 1894, and died June 26, 1900.

CALEB H. WARNER of Cambridge, Mass., was elected a member September 17, 1894, and died February 20, 1900.

WILLIAM G. WEBBER of Salem, Mass., was elected a member October 18, 1886, and died April 6, 1901.

MRS. ABBIE ANN FULLER WESCOTT of Boston, Mass., was elected a member November 18, 1895, and died March 17, 1901.

Ex-GOVERNOR ROGER WOLCOTT of Boston, Mass., was elected a member December 3, 1894, and died December 21, 1900.

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American Architect and Building News Co., Boston, . .	1	1
Amesbury Town Clerk,		1
Amherst College,		6
Amherst, Massachusetts Agricultural College,		21
Andover Press,		8
Andover Town Clerk,		1
Andover Theological Seminary,		3
Appleton, Daniel, Marblehead,	1	
Augsburg, Naturhistorischer Verein,		1
Austin, Texas State Historical Association,		4
Avery, Elroy M., Cleveland, Ohio,		4
Balch, Edwin S., Philadelphia, Pa.,	1	
Baltimore, Maryland Historical Society,	2	2
Baltimore, Md., Johns Hopkins University,		14
Baltimore, Md., Peabody Institute,		1
Bamberg, Naturforschende Gesellschaft,		1
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Barton, William E., Oak Park, Ill.,		3
Basel, Naturforschende Gesellschaft,		3
Batavia, K. N. Vereeniging in Nederlandsch-Indie, . .		1
Batchelder, Henry M., Salem,		2
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Belfast, Library and Society for Promoting Knowledge,		1
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Benton, J. H., Boston,		1
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Berkeley, University of California,		13
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Berlin, Gesellschaft Naturforschende Freunde,		1
Berlin, K. P., Akademie der Wissenschaften,		32
Berlin, Verein zur Beförderung des Gartenbaues,		25
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Bethune, C. J. S., Port Hope, Ont.,		6
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Bordeaux, Académie Nationale des Sciences, Belles-Lettres et Arts,		1
Boston, American Academy of Arts and Sciences,		31
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Boston, Appalachian Mountain Club,		2
Boston Art Club,		4
Boston Board of Health,		14
Boston Book Company,		2
Boston, Bunker Hill Monument Association,	1	
Boston, City Hospital,		1
Boston, City of,	5	
Boston, Iconographic Society, Etchings.		
Boston, Industrial Aid Society for Prevention of Pauperism,		1
Boston and Maine Railroad,		1
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Boston, New England Historic Genealogical Society, .		6
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Boston, Society of California Pioneers,		1
Boston, Society of Natural History,		6
Boxford Town Clerk,		2
Braunschweig, Verein für Naturwissenschaft, . . .		1
Braunschweig, D. Gesellschaft für Anthropologie, Ethnologie und Urgeschichte,		1
Bremen, Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein,		1
Brighton and Sussex Natural History and Philosophical Society,		1
Brisbane, Queensland Branch of the Royal Geographical Society of Australia,		2
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Bruxelles, Société Belge de Microscopie,		2
Bruxelles, Société Entomologique de Belgique, . .		2
Bruxelles, Société Royale de Botanique de Belgique, .		2
Bruxelles, Société Royale des Sciences de Liège, . .		1
Bruxelles, Société Royale Malacologique de Belgique, .		2
Buckham, Rev. John W., Salem,		10
Buenos Aires, Sociedad Científica Argentina, . . .		9
Buffalo (N. Y.) Public Library,		1
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Caen, Académie Nationale des Sciences, Arts et Belles-Lettres,		1
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Chapman, Miss Charlotte, Salem,		1
Chapman, William O., Salem,		14
Charleston (S. C.) Historical Society,		6
Charleston, West Virginia Historical and Antiquarian Society,		2
Cheever, Edward E., San Francisco, Cal.,		1
Chemnitz, Naturwissenschaftliche Gesellschaft,		1
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Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad,		1
Chicago, Ill., Field Columbian Museum,		10
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Chicago, Ill., John Crerar Library,		1
Chicago, Ill., Kent College of Law,		1
Chicago, Ill., Library Bureau,		1
Chicago, Ill., Newberry Library,		2
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Choate, Joseph Hodges, London, Eng.,		1
Christiania, Norwegischen Meteorologischen Instituto,		1
Christiania, Université Royale de Norvège,		1
Christiania, Videnskabs-Selskabet,		4
Cincinnati, Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio,		1
Cincinnati, O., Lloyd Library,		1
Cincinnati, Ohio Mechanics' Institute,		2
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Clark, Rev. DeWitt S., Salem,	1	
Cleveland, Miss Mary S., Salem, Newspapers,	141	9
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Danzig, Naturforschende Gesellschaft,		1
Darmstadt, Verein für Erdkunde,		1
Davenport (Ia.) Academy of Natural Sciences, . . .		2
Davis, Andrew McF., Cambridge, Engravings,		4
Dayton, J. Hardy, Salem,		2
Dedham Historical Society,		4
Denver, Century School Supply Co.,		1
Derby, Samuel C., Columbus, O.,		1
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Durkheim, Pollichia Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein der Rheinpfalz,		2
Earle, Mrs. Alice M., Brooklyn, N. Y.,	1	
Edinburgh Geological Society,		4
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Edwards, Arthur M., Newark, N. J.,		2
Endicott, William C., jr., Danvers,	72	6
Erlangen, Physikallisch-medicinische Societat, . . .		1
Essex Town Clerk,		1
Esty, C. C.,		1
Evans, Nelson W., Portsmouth, O., Circulars.		
Exeter, N. H., Phillips Exeter Academy,		1
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Firenze, R. Istituto di Studi Superiori,		3
Fitchburg City Clerk,	1	
Fitzpatrick, T. J., Iowa City,		2
Forbes, Mrs. S. E. P., Byfield,		1
Ford, Worthington C., Boston,		1
Fowler, Miss Harriet P., Danvers,	7	4
Frankfurt-a-M., Senckenbergische Naturforschende Gesellschaft,		4
Freiburg, Naturforschende Gesellschaft,		1
Fribourg, Société Fribourgeoise des Sciences Natur- elles,		1
Gardner, Curtiss C., St. Louis, Mo.,	1	
Gardner, Dr. Frank A., Salem,		1
Geneve, L'Institut National Genevois,		1
Gifford, James B., Salem,	1	
Gillis, James A., Winchendon,		9
Glasgow Archaeological Society,		2
Gloucester, City of,	1	1
Göttingen, K. Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften,		11
Grand Rapids (Mich.) Public Library,		1
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Graves, M. H., Marblehead,		1
Green, Mrs. F. B., Boston, Newspapers.		
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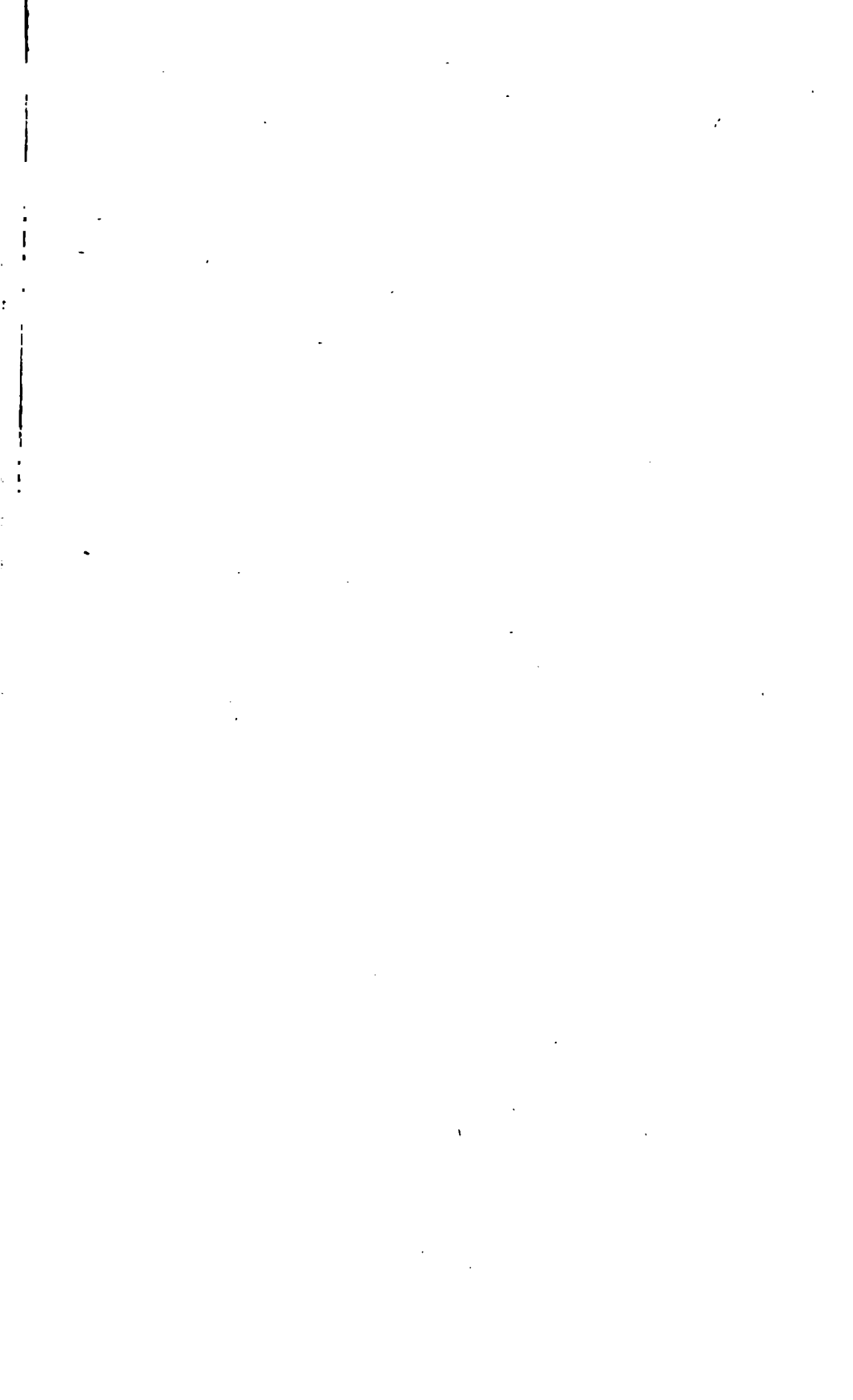
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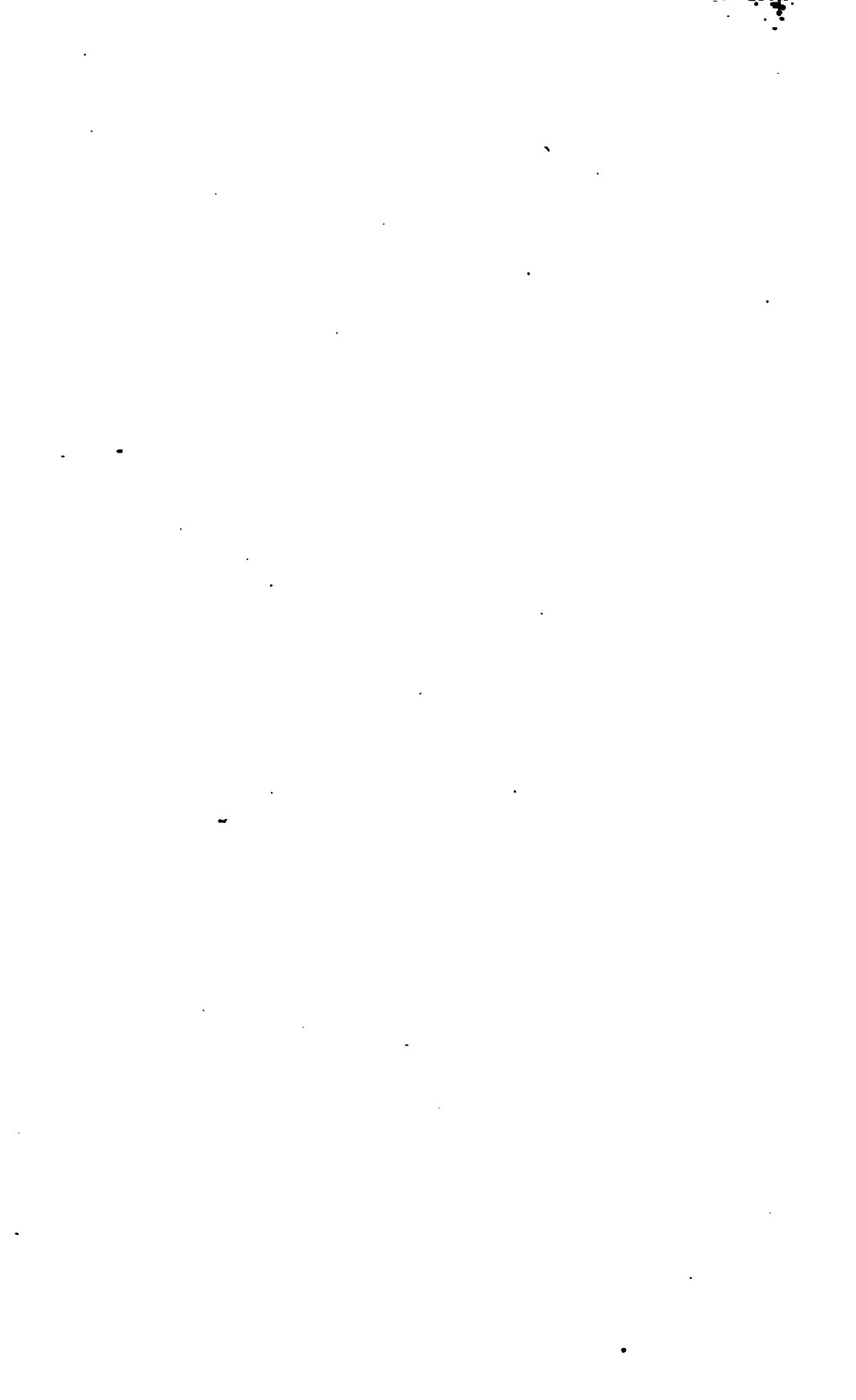
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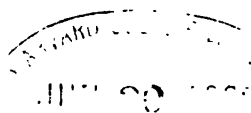
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THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

THE record of the past year presents no feature calling for special comment. The amount of work accomplished in Library organization and development is indeed exceptional, but this work is in the line of plans already adopted and discussed, and will be sufficiently detailed in the reports which are to follow.

The Institute comes in contact, at several points, with the general public, and the unique attitude of the Society in this regard will perhaps warrant me in speaking of them first. In the past, Field Meetings, Horticultural and Botanical Exhibitions, and Evenings with the Microscope, were conspicuous amongst our claims to public attention. Now the Museum of Antiquities has come to be a chief attraction. Its repute is spreading far and wide. Boston societies, having collections like ours, advise their Western and Southern visitors not to leave New England before they have seen the Essex Institute. Our Lecture Courses and our serial Publications appeal to a goodly constituency.

The Bulletin, a serial publication largely scientific, which came to the front at the period of our greatest scientific activity, and was very ably conducted for a period of thirty years, from 1869 to 1899, has been of necessity discontinued in its original form and will now be issued, from time to time, as enough material of scientific value for the purpose may come to hand. The change is to be regretted; but it must not be charged to a loss of interest in this field of research on the part of the Institute. At any time, there may be a revival of the scientific activity which happens just now to be in abeyance; it may once more become as dominant as it was in the first years of the Peabody Academy of Science;

but the corps of young naturalists who made possible that brilliant episode in our career is now dispersed. Richard H. Wheatland, Hyatt, Cook, and Bicknell are no longer living. Putnam, Packard and Kingsley have been called to other spheres of duty, and their worthy compeers whom we are fortunate enough to retain among us are preoccupied to a degree which makes the exacting editorial function impossible. We are still hoping to put to press at once an important contribution to local science in the promised monograph of Sears on the Geology of Essex County,—an exhaustive survey of a field of study to which his life has been assiduously and most usefully devoted.

The usual issues of the Historical Collections have promptly appeared and copies of them lie upon the table for your inspection. They contain, among other articles, a sketch of Hugh Peter with original illustrations,—the contribution of a lady of New York who, as well as her husband, is of kin with Cromwell's martyr Chaplain.

The Institute has initiated no Field Meetings during the year. Two invitations from other Societies to attend gatherings of that nature, one at Proctor's Crossing in West Peabody, and another in the Lynn Woods, were accepted by this body and considerable numbers attended. Circumstances quite beyond our control seem to make the continuance of our Field Meeting system of very doubtful promise. It cannot be surrendered by any Institute member who recalls it at its best without a passing regret. Whatever counts in favor of those open-air pursuits which bring the faculties in contact with Nature at first hand, and furnish social gatherings with a good reason for being, is to be promoted in every way, even though the scientific results are meager and unimportant. What Miss Warner has done to inspire an interest in the birds of this section,—what Mr. Sears has done to interest the young in the secrets of the mineral world,—what Mr. Robinson has done for trees and what Professor Morse has accomplished in stimulating the study of Conchology and of insect life, entitle them all to the best thanks of the Essex Institute. But no one can fail to deplore, in this connection, the melancholy change of vogue which has relegated botany

and flower-painting, once so general and graceful an accomplishment among young ladies, to the tomb of the lost arts, and has too often substituted thrumming on the piano,—a practice valuable to but a gifted few out of its myriad devotees,—for studying the revelations of the microscope, only less inspiring than those of the telescope, or for wandering in the woods for ferns or on the beaches in search of those exquisite sea-shells, wonderful in form and convolution and color, which once formed so choice a feature of the household treasures of every New England miss grown up within sight or sound or smell of the salt sea waves. The press much more than formerly furnishes popular scientific information to the general reader, and this helps to make our field meetings less imperatively necessary.

Our two Lecture Courses have been successful and have been exceptionally well attended. Again we have pleasure in acknowledging the tender of the use of Academy Hall by the Peabody Academy of Science. Of our Home Meetings, heretofore held in our Rooms, three at the opening of the season were held in Academy Hall, because it was thought desirable to try the experiment of debating in public some question of recognized moment. The experiment must be accounted a success. While the audiences gathered did not fill the Hall, they were quite too large to have been accommodated in our own Rooms. And the cordiality with which speakers who were invited to take part in the debate responded to our call, gave earnest of their readiness to sustain the Institute in this new departure. The remaining Home Meetings, five in number, were held in our Rooms, and the papers presented have possessed a distinct interest and value, and have been listened to with critical attention.

In the Public Course two evenings have been given up this season to Concerts of rare merit, so numerously attended as to require the use of the largest auditorium in town adapted for Chamber Concert Music, and so largely performed by native artists as to warrant the hope that it may be possible another year to dispense with aid from outside of our own neighborhood. On the five remaining evenings, three of which were devoted to lectures

illustrated with the stereopticon, the attendance has been good, and in one instance, that of Miss Peck's "Ascent of the Matterhorn," it so far exceeded our accommodations as to cause regret that the Lecture was not, like the two Concerts, given in Ames Hall. Not only have the audiences been generally good in quality and numbers, but in only three instances this season have the unmannerly interruptions of boys been attempted.

The newspaper press deserves our acknowledgments for the liberal spirit in which it has contributed to the success of these Courses.

The accessions to the Museum have been numerous and varied. The will of Miss Elizabeth C. Ward, the last survivor of the immediate family of General Frederick Townsend Ward, has gone into effect, and bequeaths the sum of ten thousand dollars for the support of our Chinese Library, thus providing it with a room of its own, insuring its being kept up to date, and making it a memorial of the distinguished brother of the testatrix as well as of Mr. Hunt, the donor of the books. Miss Ward has also left us a considerable collection of rare objects of Chinese art, —finely carved jade-stones, pictures, curios, articles of personal adornment,—among them a tiara with pearls and rubies, as well as rings, and beads, once worn by the wife of General Ward. A picture of the wife,—she was the daughter of a Chinese Mandarin of high rank, and died at the age of nineteen, soon after her husband fell in battle,— has been given us by another member of the Ward family, the widow of the General's brother, and we have also from Miss Ward's estate the Chinese battle flag used by General Ward, and the stamp with which he affixed his signature, in Chinese characters, to official papers, and the Imperial medal struck in silver to commemorate the tour round the world in 1896 of Li-Hung-Chang, and presented to Miss Ward at an interview that aged diplomat was pleased to grant her when in New York. The Institute is again indebted to His Excellency Edwin H. Conger, United States Minister at the Court of Peking, for an official rendering into English, sent from Peking, at our request, of the original Imperial Edict issued on the death of General Ward. Efforts are

making to secure photographic pictures of the shrine or altar erected at the tomb of General Ward, on which offerings were burnt for the repose of his soul as lately as the Chinese New Year in February, 1900. Advices which reached us from the Chinese Secretary of the American Legation at Peking in December, 1901, say "there is a substantial temple built before the tomb and placed in charge of a care-taker who lives in a portion of the building. It was my good fortune to visit General Ward's grave in February, 1900. Incense and other offerings had been presented at the New Year's festival, remains of which were still to be seen on the altar."

The will of the late Arthur A. Averille contains this provision: To the Essex Institute, "All my collection of Catholic Music and my collection of Irish and Scotch Music and Poetry. Among my said collection I might enumerate more particularly the following: Bunting's collection, consisting of three Volumes; the Betts Collection; and Joyce's collection, all Irish and Scotch; the Musical Museum in four volumes. I hereto annex a list of the Irish and Scotch books I wish to include in this bequest."

Miss Harriet P. Fowler, a life-long contributor to our Library and Museum, has died during the year. Her will conveyed to us numerous and valuable gifts which are in our possession.

Miss Lydia L. A. Very, who also died during the year, provided in her will an alternative disposal of her homestead estate in Federal Street by which the Institute may, if it see fit, receive that estate and maintain it as a perpetual memorial of her brothers, Jones and Washington Very. Other references to the Institute are made in this will, but as its allowance by the Probate Court is still contested it seems improper to discuss them here.

From Mr. Henry F. Waters, from Dr. Henry K. Oliver, of Boston, from the estate of the late Dr. Geo. S. Osborne, and from a corresponding member, Mr. L. Vernon Briggs, of Hanover, Mass., the Essex Institute is in receipt of valuable accessions. An excellent oil-painting of the late General Oliver is among them.

Through the discovery, in the Charter Street Cemetery, of the grave of a Mayflower Pilgrim marked with its original stone, Salem seems to have a new distinction thrust upon her. It is thought at the South Shore that the gravestones of the Mayflower Pilgrims, with this exception, have all succumbed to time. Of course more recent monuments have been placed at some known graves, as for instance at the graves of William Bradford and of John Howland. An elaborate structure has been erected to commemorate the burial-place of Captain Miles Standish, but there is little certainty as to the correctness of the location. It is possible that, in some of the South shore towns about Plymouth, an original Mayflower memorial stone may still linger unrevealed. But our Charter Street ground contains a remarkable group of six upright slate-stone slabs, marking the burial-place of the Richard More family, all standing within a few feet of the grave of Captain Richard More, a Mayflower Pilgrim, and all of them showing, upon comparison with the earliest gravestones preserved there, every indication that they are the original stones.

Near Captain More rest his infant grandson, Samuel More, who died in 1673; his first wife, Christian, born Hunt, who died at the age of fifty, in 1676; his infant granddaughter, Barbara Dutch, who died in 1678; his son Caleb who died at the age of thirty-four, in 1679; his daughter Christian, wife of Joshua Conant, who died at the age of twenty-eight, in 1680; his second wife, Jane, born Hollingworth, who died at the age of fifty-five in 1686. In the midst of these rests Captain Richard More, and a slate-stone, like the others lightly touched by time, marks his grave and bears these words: "Here lyeth buried y^e body of Capt. Richard More aged 84 years." Thus if we knew the date of his birth, we could determine the date of burial. But there is a doubt about the date of his birth. He evidently was not sure about his age himself, for he states it differently in four or five depositions made toward the close of his life, and he only states it approximately and nowhere with precision. He seems to have died between 1693 and 1696. If these figures are

correct, and he lived to be 84, then he was born between 1609 and 1612, and was from eight to eleven years old when he was brought to Plymouth in 1620. The stones at the other graves are all dated. They are perfectly legible, and some of them are carved with the usual symbols. That of the first wife bears this Latin inscription : "HODIE MIHI CRAS TIBI."

The earliest of these stones, all presumably placed by the loving hands of the More family, is that of the first wife, dated 1676. The single stone, commemorating both the infant grandson and granddaughter, must have been set as late as 1678. There are in the Charter Street ground, besides these and bearing dates as early,—the slate gravestone of Doraty, wife of Philip Cromwell, dated 1673 ; of Sarah, wife of the Rev. John Higginson, dated 1675,—and of his son, Thomas Higginson, dated 1678. There are in the Charter Street ground at least sixty-two gravestones and monuments bearing date before the year 1700, so that there is nothing exceptional in the dates on these More gravestones to raise a presumption against their genuineness as originals, nor is there anything in the material, the inscriptions used, or the style of carving. The oldest stone standing is that of Doraty Cromwell, set in 1673. On comparison of the carving of this stone and of the two stones erected to Christian More in 1676, and to her daughter, Christian Conant, in 1680, there seems to be a very strong probability that they are the work of the same hand.

If these claims shall prove to be impregnable, they invest the career of Captain Richard More with a strange sort of interest. He may have been one of the "One hundred homeless Boys and Girls of London," prayed for by the London Adventurers "to be furnished out for the Plantation in Virginia,"—an appeal addressed, a few months before the sailing of the Mayflower, to "The Worshipful Lord Mayor of the City of London—the Right Worthies the Aldermen, his Brethren,—and the Worthies, the Council of the City." These waifs were to be "of twelve years old and upward, with allowance of £3 apiece for their transportation and 40s. apiece for their apparel." They were to be duly apprenticed or indentured,—“the

boys until they come to twenty-one years of age,—the girls till like age or till they be married.” Richard More was one of four young children. They were a brother Jasper, described by Bradford as “Deacon Carver’s bound boy,”—a sister Ellen, described as “a little bound girl,” articulated to Master Edward Winslow,—Richard and another brother “bound boys put to Elder Brewster.” Jasper More died before landing, on board the Mayflower in Cape Cod Bay, of the “comone Infection,”—the second death after the land-fall; the other two children landed at Plymouth but died soon after. Richard was still with Brewster at Plymouth in 1627, and at that time was probably not twenty-one years of age. He is thought to have been the eldest of the four, and if he was less than twelve years of age on his arrival in 1620, then it would seem probable that he and the other three were not sent over by the City of London but were children of Pilgrim parents who had died at Leyden and for the care of whose family Brewster and Carver and Winslow felt in some way responsible. Children of an earlier age than twelve would scarcely have been brought to this Colony with a view to any service they would be able to render. And it is hard to understand the claims of charity or affection which could have prompted bringing such helpless charges here to endure the privations and dangers of those early years. The probability is strong that Richard More was at least twelve years of age on reaching Plymouth in 1620. He could scarcely have been more than fourteen and it is only a surmise that he was the eldest of the four children.

In 1633 he married Christian Hunt. In 1637 he sold his house and land at Duxbury and was received at Salem as an inhabitant and granted one half-acre of land on the South River probably near the foot of Elm Street, and, in 1639, another half-acre. He became a freeman in 1642. His name occurs frequently in real estate transactions recorded at the Registry of Deeds. He had dealings with the Shrimptons of Boston both before and after he left Duxbury for Salem. He is described as a fisherman and as a mariner, and he had a house in Salem in 1643, and later bought other estates. He was not a “marksman” but signed his name in full, an accomplishment by no means

universal at that day. He was paid for services in the Expedition against the New Amsterdam Dutch in 1653. In 1657 he is described as "Captayne," and as "Mr." and is foreman of a Jury in 1659. In 1659 he had a "warehouse and stable" and he owned one half of the "Catch caled the Susan." In 1665 he was appointed guardian to three minor children of Robert Starr, who married a Hollingworth. In 1674 he was licensed as an innholder, being reduced in his fortunes. In 1682 he was made surveyor of wrecked cargoes, and in 1687 he had, as the Records show, "a garden, orchard and wharf." Doubtless an exhaustive search of the Town and Court and Church Records and Registry of Deeds would disclose further information about him. Besides his sons Richard and Caleb, and his daughters Christian, the wife of Joshua Conant, and Susanna, the wife of Samuel Dutch, Captain More had at least three other sons,—Samuel, Thomas and Joshua,—all baptized at the First Church in Salem before 1652. A paper written by Secretary Bowman of the organization of "The Mayflower Descendants," and already in print in their official organ which he edits, calls attention to this interesting discovery and makes it highly probable that we have here in Salem, marked with its original stone, the grave of Elder Brewster's "bound boy," Richard More, and that he closed his honorable career amongst us and was laid at rest at the "old burying point," in the midst of a group of graves covering three generations of his kindred. Thus Salem is to be credited perhaps with the last of the Mayflower gravestones.

Through the courtesy of the Maryland Historical Society, and of Librarian Putnam of the Congressional Library, the Institute is now in possession of a complete set of the plans for the Federal Capitol at Washington, submitted by Samuel McIntire of Salem, at the beginning of the last century, and included by official experts amongst those possessing merit.

A most interesting feature of the great display of musical instruments, brought together by Chickering & Sons, some months since, at Horticultural Hall in Boston, to demonstrate the evolution of the piano, was contributed by the Essex Institute. It consisted of four ancient instruments, among the very rarest in the collection.

We have received from the Merchants' National Bank of Salem the plates from which a colored reproduction of Bridgman's picture of "Leslie's Retreat" was printed for the illustration of a Bank Calendar. The plates are of value to the Institute, because they enable us to produce for sale a colored print for which there seems to be a growing demand. The interest in the Bridgman picture is still active. Evidence bearing on the affair at the North Bridge has been collected from various contemporary sources,—some of them British,—and one of them a diary kept by President Ezra Stiles of Yale College, who inserts therein a pen-and-ink sketch of the locality. This evidence will be reproduced in an early issue of the Historical Collections.

The Centennial of the acquisition by the United States of the Louisiana Purchase, which will occur before many months, lends an interest to all contemporary comments by persons whose position afforded them an insight into this much debated transaction. Dr. Manasseh Cutler of Hamilton, one of the founders of Ohio, who represented this district in Congress from 1801 to 1805, recorded his impressions not only in his diary but in his letters to confidential friends and neighbors. The Institute is favored with free access to both these sources of information and will hope to avail of them in its forthcoming publications.

The crying need of the Institute is still the need of more room. To secure this more funds must be provided, unless we are to be driven to the doubtful, makeshift policy of erecting, with the means now at command, an extension which is sure to be found, a few years hence, inadequate and unsatisfactory. The problem presents difficulties which are inherent, but friends of the Institute who have means at their disposal can do much towards a solution of it.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

The membership of the Essex Institute on May 1, 1902, was seven hundred and seventy-six in number, consisting of six hundred and ninety active members, twenty-six life members and sixty upon the corresponding list. During the past year eighteen of our members have died : Gilbert L. Streeter of Salem, who was elected in 1849 ; Miss Elizabeth C. Ward and Charles L. Young of Boston ; Mrs. Sarah G. King of New York, N. Y. ; John Fiske, Professor Alpheus Hyatt and Professor J. Henry Thayer of Cambridge ; Miss Apphia T. Spofford of Groveland ; Edward Capen of Haverhill ; Robert F. Dodge of Wenham ; Miss Harriet P. Fowler of Danvers ; Dr. George S. Osborne of Peabody ; and Arthur A. Averille, Mrs. Hannah Brown, Everett W. Durgin, E. Augustus Emmerton, Z. Augustus Gallup and Robert Manning, all of Salem. Thirty-six persons, twelve of whom do not reside in Salem, have withdrawn from membership. One corresponding and nineteen active members, have been elected.

Donations have been made to the cabinet collections by eighty-nine different persons on one hundred and thirty-one different occasions. While the President, in his address, has alluded to some of the noteworthy gifts, yet, a summary of the more interesting objects received during the past year may well be given.

The valuable collection of Chinese jades and other ornaments, bequeathed by Miss Elizabeth C. Ward, easily ranks first in value and importance. From a commercial standpoint the purity of color of most of the jades renders them of great value. From Dr. Henry K. Oliver of Boston we received oil portraits of his father and mother—Mr. and Mrs. Henry K. Oliver—painted by Mrs. Adelaide

(Cole) Chase, also an interesting and valuable collection of old silver and brass, and several excellent examples of early cut glass and Canton ware ; from Mrs. Mary Fenno Dow of Gloucester, an oil portrait of John Woodbridge Fenno, by Osgood ; from the estate of the late Walter Scott Dickson, a carriage whip ornately decorated in gold, silver and platinum, and with it, documents attesting to its interesting history in the Californian Sierras ; from the estate of the late Harriet Putnam Fowler of Danvers, a large section of a summer beam from the Daniel Eppes house that formerly stood at the corner of Washington and Church streets ; from Professor Alpheus Hyatt, a large piece of the last Rebel flag that floated over Fort Sumter ; from Mr. Henry J. Pratt of Salem, a fine silver-mounted rapier made by Tapp of London and formerly the property of Sir William Trelawny, Governor of Jamaica, 1757-1773, and from whom it passed to Capt. Bartholomew Putnam, to Capt. Gamaliel Hodges, and then to Mr. Pratt. The documents accompanying the gift show that the rapier at one or more times was used upon the "field of honor" and mortally wounded an opponent ; from Mr. John Robinson we have received numerous photographs and wood engravings ; from Mr. Richard B. Hussey of Lynn, an old-fashioned loom in nearly perfect condition, and from Mr. L. Vernon Briggs of Hanover, Mass., a large and varied collection of ethnological and historical objects.

The Institute Free Lecture Course, for the season of 1902, was exceptionally successful both from point of interest and attendance. A concert was given in Ames Memorial Hall by Mr. Arthur Foote of Boston, assisted by Miss Anna Miller Wood (contralto), also of Boston, on January 13th, and two months later, a second concert was given, in the same hall, by Mr. Joshua Phippen, assisted by Mrs. Jessie Hatch Symonds of Salem and Miss Annah May How of Boston. Other numbers in the Free Course were :—Miss Annie S. Peck of Providence, R. I., an illustrated lecture, "To the Summit of the Matterhorn ;" Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer of Cambridge, on "The Education of Books and of Nature ;" Mr. Sylvester Baxter of the Metropolitan Park Commission, on "The

Development of the Boston Park System;" Mr. Edwin D. Mead of Boston, on "A Pilgrim to Puritan Places;" and Professor Alfred E. Barton of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, an illustrated lecture on "An Eclipse Expedition to the Island of Sumatra."

The Home Course of lectures was opened by a debate on "The Educational Value of the Kindergarten," which occupied the first three evenings in the course, some fifteen or more different persons taking part in the debate. Papers were read before the Society, in this course, by Miss Eliza Philbrick, on "The Homespun and Hand-woven Fabrics of our Grandmothers;" by Mr. William D. Dennis on "The Fire Clubs of Salem,—why formed and who composed them;" by Mr. Benjamin P. Holbrook, on "The Joys and Sorrows of a Desk Editor;" by Rev. Robert M. Martin, on "Oliver Cromwell," and by the Secretary, on "The River Agawam, an Essex County Waterway."

On the seventeenth of June, on invitation extended by the Lynn Historical Society, a considerable number of our members attended a field-meeting held at the Lynn Woods. The day was all that could be desired and the locality exceedingly attractive. Later in the season a field-meeting was held at the Proctor farm in Peabody, by the Peabody Historical Society. There was a good attendance, and the literary exercises were of unusual interest.

Four quarterly issues of the Historical Collections have been printed and distributed, containing genealogies of the Gardner, Lyford and Pepperrell families, an extended biographical sketch of Hugh Peter, papers by the President on Whittier and on Washington's opinions as to "a third term," Beverly Church records, Salem Commoners records and other valuable matter. Volume xxxvii of the Collections contains four hundred and seventy printed pages.

The annual report for the year ending May, 1901, a pamphlet of fifty-two pages, was mailed to each member early in June. A new edition of the Visitor's Guide to Salem, which is now in press, has required much time and attention.

From the sale of Historical Collections, guide books and other publications the sum of \$327.11 has been received; from etchings and photographs \$95.06, and from duplicate books and pamphlets, \$412.86.

During the year ending April 30, 1902, 14,624 persons visited the museum of the Institute, which is nearly two thousand less in number than during the previous year.

The needs of the museum at this time are precisely the same as those of last year—more room,—and because of the impossibility of museum growth and enlargement, a considerable portion of my time has been devoted to library work.

During the year large additions have been made to the collections of broadsides, autograph letters, and photographs of houses and historic spots.

At the present time about two thousand broadsides have been mounted and classified in portfolios. The collection contains upwards of one hundred specimens covering the revolutionary period, including three different contemporaneous prints of the "Declaration of Independence."

The collection of autograph letters numbers about twenty-six hundred examples, covering the local field, the colonial period and political and scientific characters. In the near future it is intended that the large and valuable collection of commissions, charters and similar documents, shall be mounted and arranged.

The engraved portraits and photographs of persons, thus far mounted and arranged, number about twenty-five hundred examples.

The collection of photographs and engravings illustrating buildings, streets and historic spots, now numbering about five thousand two hundred specimens, has been enlarged during the past year by nearly seven hundred photographs, covering Newburyport and its vicinity, while Salem, Groveland, Topsfield, Ipswich and other towns in the county have received numerous additions.

The original mass of manuscripts arranged and in bundles has been reduced somewhat; thirty-five folio volumes having been filled, but the accessions more than

equal in bulk the number classified during the year and are of great value, notably the manuscripts recently received from Mr. Henry F. Waters. The additional room obtained in the MSS. fireproof by dividing the space into two floors, which was done during the month of June, is rapidly being filled up and the problem of additional fire-proof space must soon confront the Society again although it may be possible to effect an economy of space by removing from fire-proof protection, a portion of the collection somewhat less valuable because of its nature or condition.

The Bentley diaries have been copied to May 13, 1792, a total of 885 type-written pages. The first volume of copy, containing 556 pages, has been bound and lies before you. In addition to the diary which covers the period from April, 1784, to December, 1790, the volume contains Judge Joseph G. Waters' biographical sketch of Dr. Bentley, which was delivered at the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the East Church; Miss Marguerite Dalrymple's reminiscences of Dr. Bentley, and a bibliography of the Doctor's printed works, numbering thirty-one items, by the Librarian of the Institute, the whole being illustrated by a portrait and autograph letter of Dr. Bentley, lithographed views of the exterior and interior of the old East Church and the printed order of exercises at the funeral of Dr. Bentley, a broadside which I have reason to think may be unique.

Work upon the index to the Historical Collections has been continued at odd moments, over sixteen thousand cards thus far having been written, alphabeted and arranged for consultation.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE FRANCIS DOW,

Secretary.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

The additions to the library for the year (May, 1901 to May, 1902) have been as follows:—

	Vols.	Pamphs.	Serials.
By donation,	1971	3047	5928
By exchange,	118	212	1292
By purchase,	379	176	83
By subscription,			401
Total of accessions,	<hr/> 2463	<hr/> 3435	<hr/> 7704

The donations for the year have been received from 200 individuals and 242 societies and governmental departments.

The exchanges are from 5 individuals and 262 societies, of which 127 are foreign; also from editors and publishers.

The largest single gift of books to the library was made by Mr. William C. Waters of this city and consisted of magazines, schoolbooks and general literature; second in size was the medical library of the late George S. Osborne, M.D., of Peabody, which contains some of the books used by his father, Dr. George Osborne.

The Institute has been enriched this year by the bequest of Miss Harriet Putnam Fowler, late of Danvers. This gift includes a legacy of \$3000, the income of which shall be used to employ an assistant to exhibit Miss Fowler's collections and to continue the work on the scrap books which Miss Fowler did not live to see completed. Many of these volumes contain letters and documents relating to the early history of Danvers and a large amount of genealogical material about Essex County families, all of which will be made available by proper indexing. This bequest also includes about two hundred

volumes, many of them rare and in good condition; old sermons and early New England imprints,—among which is "An account of the vegetable productions naturally growing in this part of the country, botanically arranged by Rev. Manasseh Cutler, Ipswich, January 26, 1784" (containing marginal notes and additions in Dr. Cutler's handwriting), which was purchased at the sale of his library in 1823, shortly after his death, by Deacon Fowler.

There are a number of volumes treating of witchcraft, which were collected by her father, Mr. Samuel P. Fowler, who was the author of "A sketch of Rev. Samuel Parrish and his connection with the witchcraft delusion," and who also annotated Calef's "More wonders of the invisible world." These volumes do not duplicate any in the Institute library, and together with them form a nucleus for a special witchcraft library, and it seems fitting that such a collection should be formed in Salem.

Donations of a considerable size have been received from the estate of the late Francis Cox of this city,—from Dr. Henry Kemble Oliver of Boston,—and from Mr. Henry F. Waters, now of Melrose. The last included nearly fifty volumes of English registers and visitations and thirty-nine vellum charters and deeds of the time of Richard II. and later. From Mr. James P. Kimball of New York we have received fourteen manuscript volumes containing the valuable material collected by the late James Kimball of this city for a history of privateering, which never has been printed.

We have received many small gifts from persons who wished to show gratitude for favors received and our thanks are due to the many friends, in all parts of the country, who have so kindly remembered us by donating many pamphlets and other ephemeral publications which we should not otherwise have obtained.

The time of the Librarian, not occupied by routine work, has been devoted to card cataloging and a good showing has been made. The catalog case which was purchased last year is now nearly filled with written and printed cards, although some of the latter are not yet arranged.

The labor has been greatly lightened by the purchase from the American Library Association, and from the Library of Congress, of printed cards which cost the small sum of about one-half a cent each. These cards are prepared by expert catalogers and are of the greatest value to the Essex Institute on account of their accuracy, legibility and uniformity. We have purchased about 6000 of these cards. One of the greatest needs of the library is another assistant who can devote her whole time to cataloging.

Additions have been made to the genealogies and town histories as freely as available funds would permit. The shelves are crowded and the books have to be moved frequently to admit the new ones in proper order. It is the intention to make these classes as complete as possible and the methods of arrangement and free access to the shelves should make them attractive to the antiquary and student.

The Essex County special collection of books has grown rapidly and the shelves are so congested that it is a problem how to accommodate more books. This class has already overflowed onto the tops of the cases and into the adjoining room. It should be widely known that the Essex Institute wishes to acquire by gift or by purchase, *everything* written by natives or residents of the county; *everything* published in the county, and *everything* relating in any way to the county. Friends of the library will confer a great favor by helping us to secure such material. It has been the policy of the Institute for many years to acquire everything of this nature available and assistance in this behalf will be highly appreciated.

The China library having outgrown its quarters has been temporarily removed to a larger room on the third floor. During the last year the Institute has received from the late Elizabeth C. Ward, of Boston, a bequest of \$10,000, the income to be used to purchase books on China and to equip a room for this special collection. This gift will enable us to obtain current publications each year and should make our Chinese library the finest collection of its kind in the country.

Botany and agriculture have been rearranged. The United States Department of Agriculture has issued printed cards for the Year Book and other of its publications. These we have obtained and they will soon be filed in the catalog case thus making available a large amount of material of great value to investigators of this subject.

In the newspaper reading room there are forty-seven newspapers on file, of which thirty-six are published in Essex County. Excellent work has been done on the unbound newspapers previous to 1800. These have been carefully pressed and repaired and are to be placed in portfolios. At a recent auction sale in Boston a large number of early New England newspapers were offered and we purchased many desirable additions to our already extensive collection.

Last summer the books in Plummer Hall were rearranged. Twelve new cases were placed in the centre of the hall and the religious books, which have not been available for some years, were unpacked and arranged on these shelves. These include a number of Bibles, psalm books, and bound volumes of artillery, election and funeral sermons, including many very early imprints.

The public documents were placed in order and by removing some other books, these were all shelved.

It will interest the members to know that we have nearly a complete file of the Congressional documents published previous to the fifteenth Congress, which are very scarce.

The Superintendent of Documents at Washington has recently requested the loan of these volumes for use in compiling the catalog and index of the documents of the first fourteen Congresses, which is to be printed for distribution in the sheep-bound set. A complete set of these documents is not known to exist and therefore the large number in the Institute collection has greater value because they are the original editions and not the reprints.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE G. WATERS,
Librarian.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

INCOME.

Balance from last Report,		\$1,343 59
Income, General Fund,	\$5,176 48	
Less Taxes and expenses on Beverly and Texas lands,	\$299 01	
Transfer to Investments General Fund,	1,900 00	
	<u>2,199 01</u>	
	2,977 47	
Income, Permanent Fund,	3,087 49	
Income, Temporary Fund,	91 17	
	<u>6,136 13</u>	
Assessment of Members,		1,923 00
Sales of Publications and Duplicate Books,		835 03
Assessments, 1902-3, paid in advance,		510 00
		<u>\$10,747 75</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries,	\$3,914 93
Extra Labor,	94 50
Fuel,	268 12
Lights and Water,	73 64
Postage and Express,	206 35
Supplies and Miscellaneous,	477 89
Repairs, Furniture and Fixtures,	461 08
Periodicals,	100 18
Books for Library,	748 29
Publications and Printing,	1,135 74
Binding,	458 15
Annual Meeting Expenses,	73 00
Lecture Course Expenses,	219 45
Annuities,	610 00
Essex County Views,	101 33
Essex County Library,	75 00
Investigation of First Meeting House,	290 00
Copying Bentley Manuscripts,	9 35
	<u>\$9,327 59</u>
Balance of Cash on hand,	1,520 16
	<u>\$10,747 75</u>

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM O. CHAPMAN,

Treasurer.

Salem, May 5, 1902.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SALEM, MAY 5, 1902.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ESSEX INSTITUTE :

Your Finance Committee has examined the securities and accounts in the hands of the Treasurer, as provided for in the by-laws. The books appear to be carefully kept, and the expenditures properly vouched. The securities examined were according to the books submitted by the Treasurer. The annual report of the Treasurer has been examined and is hereby certified to be correct.

ROBERT S. RANTOUL, *Chairman,*
for the Finance Committee.

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NECROLOGY OF MEMBERS.

ARTHUR A. AVERILLE of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Aug. 6, 1894 and died February 20, 1902.

MRS. WILLARD H. BROWN of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Oct. 15, 1896 and died March 28, 1901.

EDWARD CAPEN of Haverhill, Mass., was elected a member July 20, 1896 and died Oct. 20, 1901.

ROBERT F. DODGE of Wenham Depot, Mass., was elected a member Aug. 20, 1894 and died Oct. 30, 1901.

EVERETT W. DURGIN of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Nov. 4, 1901 and died Dec. 26, 1901.

CAPT. E. AUGUSTUS EMMERTON of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Jan. 16, 1888 and died Aug. 28, 1901.

JOHN FISKE of Cambridge, Mass., was elected a member Aug. 20, 1894 and died July 4, 1901.

HARRIET P. FOWLER of Danvers, Mass., was elected a member Feb. 18, 1889 and died July 28, 1901.

Z. AUGUSTUS GALLUP of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Sept. 18, 1893 and died July 23, 1901.

PROF. ALPHEUS HYATT of Cambridge, Mass., an honorary member, died January 15, 1902.

MRS. SARAH GOODHUE KING of New York City, was elected a member April 1, 1895 and died July, 1901.

ROBERT MANNING of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Feb. 21, 1898 and died Feb. 17, 1902.

GEORGE S. OSBORNE, M. D., of Peabody, Mass., was elected a member Sept. 4, 1894 and died May 25, 1901,

GILBERT L. STREETER of Salem, Mass., was elected a member July 18, 1849 and died July 10, 1901.

APPHIA T. SPOFFORD of Groveland, Mass., was elected a member July 16, 1894 and died — 1901.

PROF. J. HENRY THAYER of Cambridge, Mass., was elected a member June 18, 1895 and died Nov. 26, 1901.

ELIZABETH C. WARD of Boston, Mass., was elected a member Nov. 8, 1897 and died October 7, 1901.

CHARLES L. YOUNG of Boston, Mass., was elected a member July 15, 1895 and died Sept. 9, 1901.

DONATIONS AND EXCHANGES.

LIBRARY.

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Adams, Mrs. Delbert W., Augusta, Me., Photograph.		
Adelaide, Royal Society of South Australla,		2
Agricultural College, Mich.,		6
Albany, New York State Library,		2
Albany, N. Y., University of New York,	10	30
Allen, F. W., Skowhegan, Me.,		1
Allen, George H., Salem,	1	
Alnwick, Berwickshire Naturalists' Club,		1
Amherst College,		4
Amherst, Massachusetts Agricultural College,		19
Amiens, Société Linnéenne du Nord de la France,		10
Andover Town Clerk,		2
Andover Theological Seminary,		1
Annable, Irving K., Salem, Souvenir cards.		
Appleton, William S., Boston,	1	1
Arvedson, George, Salem,	5	60
Austin, Texas State Historical Association,		5
Avery, Elroy M., Cleveland, Ohio,		4
Balch, Thomas W.,	2	
Baltimore, Maryland Historical Society,	1	2
Baltimore, Md., Johns Hopkins University,		13
Baltimore, Md., Peabody Institute,		1
Bamberg, Naturforschende Gesellschaft,		1
Barnard, James M.,	1	
Bartlett, Mrs. Sarah S., Roxbury,		1
Basel, Naturforschende Gesellschaft,		6
Batavia, K. N. Vereeniging in Nederlandsch-Indie,		1
Battle Creek, Mich., Good Health Publishing Co.,		4
Beale, Charles C., Boston,		4
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Benton, Col. Josiah H., Boston,	1	
Bergens Museum,		6
Berkeley, University of California,		11

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Bern, Naturforschende Gesellschaft,		2
Berry, John M., Millbury,		8
Bethune, C. J. S., Port Hope, Ont.,		1
Beverly City Clerk,	2	
Bonn, Naturhistorischer Verein,		2
Boston, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, . .		18
Boston, American Congregational Association, . . .		1
Boston, Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts,	1	
Boston, Appalachian Mountain Club,		1
Boston Art Club,		2
Boston Board of Health, Circulars,	1	3
Boston Book Company,		2
Boston, Bunker Hill Monument Association, . . .	2	
Boston, Bureau of Statistics,	2	
Boston, City Hospital,		1
Boston, City of,	6	
Boston, Commissioner of Public Records,	1	
Boston, Directors of Old South Work,		2
Boston, General Theological Library,		1
Boston, Home Market Club,		1
Boston, Industrial Aid Society for Prevention of Pauperism,		1
Boston, Massachusetts General Hospital,		1
Boston, Massachusetts Historical Society,	1	
Boston, Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Newspapers,		3
Boston, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, . .		6
Boston, Massachusetts Medical Society,		1
Boston, Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descend- ants,		3
Boston, Massachusetts Society of Sons of the Revolu- tion,	8	
Boston, Massachusetts State Board of Agriculture, .	1	6
Boston, Massachusetts State Board of Health, . .	1	51
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Boston, New England Historic Genealogical Society, .		6
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Boxford Town Clerk,		1
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Braunschweig, Verein für Naturwissenschaft,		1
Bremen, Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein,		2
Briggs, Le Baron R., Cambridge,		3
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Brodie, Rev. James F., Salem,		1
Brooklyn (N. Y.) Institute of Arts and Sciences,		1
Brooklyn (N. Y.) Library,		1
Brooks, The Misses, Salem,		38
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Brooks, John F., Boston,	1	
Brown, David H., West Medford,		1
Brown, Edward F., Salem,		Newspapers.
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Browne, Edward C., Salem,		Newspapers.
Brünn, Naturforschender Verein,		2
Brunswick, Me., Bowdoin College,		3
Bruxelles, Académie Royale,	2	7
Bruxelles, Société Belge de Microscopie,		1
Bruxelles, Société Entomologique de Belgique,		2
Bruxelles, Société Royale des Sciences de Liège,		1
Bruxelles, Société Royale Malacologique de Belgique,		2
Bryant, Hubbard W., Portland, Me.,	2	7
Buckham, Rev. John W., Salem,		1
Buenos Aires, Sociedad Científica Argentina,		11
Buffalo (N. Y.) Public Library,		1
Buffalo (N. Y.) Society of Natural Sciences,		1
Burlington, University of Vermont,		1
Burlington, Vermont Historical Society,		1
Caen, Académie Nationale des Sciences, Arts et Belles- Lettres,		1
Calcutta, Geological Survey of India,		12
Calcutta, Indian Museum,		3
Cambridge (Eng.) Philosophical Society,		3
Cambridge, Librarian of Harvard University,	2	40
Cambridge, Museum of Comparative Zoölogy,		9
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Cassel, Verein für Naturkunde,		1
Caulfield, Miss Sarah, Reading,	2	
Cedar Falls, Iowa State Normal School,		1
Chamberlain, Arthur, Salem, . . Newspapers,	7	1
Chamberlain, Daniel H., Boston,		1
Chamberlain, James A., Boston, . . Newspapers,	24	135
Chapel Hill, N. C., Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society, .		1
Chapman, William O., Salem,		2
Charleston (S. C.) Historical Society,		4
Charleston, West Virginia Historical and Antiquarian Society,		5
Cheever, Edward E., San Francisco, Cal.,		1
Cherrington, Mrs. Leroy J., Salem, . . Charts,		1
Chicago (Ill.) Academy of Sciences,		1
Chicago (Ill.) Art Institute,		2
Chicago (Ill.) Field Columbian Museum,		8
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Chicago, Ill., John Crerar Library,		1
Chicago, Ill., Newberry Library,		1
Chicago, Ill., University of,		10
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad,		1
Chickering and Sons, Boston,		1
Christiania, Norwegischen Meteorologischen Instituto,		1
Christiania, Université Royale de Norvège,		1
Christiania, Videnskabs-Selskabet,		1
Cincinnati, Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio,		1
Cincinnati, O., Lloyd Library,		5
Cincinnati, Ohio Mechanics' Institute,		1
Cincinnati (O.) Public Library,		14
Cincinnati (O.) Society of Natural History,		4
Cobb, N. A., Sydney, N. S. W.,		1
Codman, Mrs. J. A., Boston,	1	
Colby, William R., Salem,	1	
College Hill, Tufts College,		3
Colorado Springs, Colorado College,		1
Columbia, University of Missouri,		4
Columbus, O., Old Northwest Genealogical Society, .		4
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Danvers, Order of Red Men,		12
Danvers Town Clerk,		2
Danzig, Naturforschende Gesellschaft,		1
Darmstadt, Verein für Erdkunde,		1
Davis, Andrew McF., Cambridge,		2
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Deering Harvester Company, Chicago, Ill.,	1	
Des Moines, Iowa Geological Survey,	2	
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Dresden, Naturwissenschaftliche Gesellschaft "Isis,"		1
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Dublin, Royal Dublin Society,		8
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Edison Electric Lighting Company, Boston,		1
Emden, Naturforschende Gesellschaft,		1
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Exeter, N. H., Phillips Exeter Academy,		1
Falmouth, Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Society,		1
Farrell, Hugh F. E., Salem, Programs,		6
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Field, Marshall, Chicago,	2	
Fifield, Charles H., Salem,		1
Firenze, R. Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale,		13
Fitchburg City Clerk,	1	
Folsom, Col. A. A., Boston,		1
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Fribourg, Société Fribourgeoise des Sciences Naturelles,		2
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Göttingen, K. Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften,		11
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Grand Rapids (Mich.) Public Library,		1
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Green, Dr. Samuel A., Boston,	1	17
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Gregory, James J. H., Marblehead,		1
Griffin, Hosea, Salem,	33	1519
Groveland Town Clerk,		1
Güstrow, Verein der Freunde der Naturgeschichte,		2
Halle, Mrs. William H., Springfield,	1	
Halle, K. L.-C. Deutsche Akademie der Naturforscher,	1	4
Halle, Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein für Sachsen und Thüringen,		2
Hamburg, Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein,		3
Hamilton Town Clerk,		1
Hannover, Deutscher Seefischer-Verein,		12
Hannover, Naturhistorische Gesellschaft,		1
Harlem, Musée Teyler,		2
Harlem, Société Hollandaise des Sciences,		2
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania State Library,	31	
Hartford (Conn.) Board of Trade,		1
Hartford, Connecticut Historical Society,	1	2
Hartford, Connecticut Quarterly Company,		1
Hartford, Connecticut State Library,	2	5
Haverhill, City of,	1	
Helena (Mont.) Public Library,		1
Helsingfors, Finska Vetenskaps Societat,	2	1
Herrick, C. L., Granville, O.,		8
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Hoar, George F., Washington, D.C.,		1
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Hotchkiss, Miss Susan V., New Haven, Ct., Newspapers,		1
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King, Horatio C., Brooklyn, N. Y.,		1
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Kohl, Max,	1	
Königsberg, Physikalisch-Ökonomische Gesellschaft, .		1
Lamb, The James M., Co., Boston,	1	
Lamson, Frederick, Salem, Circulars, Newspapers,		2
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Latimer, Rev. George D., Salem,		5
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Lowell Old Residents' Association,		1
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Mackintosh, Charles G., Peabody,	1	
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Madison, University of Wisconsin,		1
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Manchester (Eng.) Literary and Philosophical Society,	3	7
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While our regular work of indexing and mounting manuscripts and pictures has not been allowed to lag, a very unusual amount of time and energy has been devoted to the classification and cataloging of the library, and this work has already advanced so far as to disclose a wealth of resource for which the most sanguine of us were not quite prepared. Our collections are proving themselves

especially rich in early imprints, in funeral and other sermons, occasional addresses, biographical pamphlets and rare monographs. Dr. Wheatland was especially diligent in collecting these, holding them to be of the first value in the study of local history. The same estimate has been placed by the founders of this institution on the value of local newspapers as an aid to original research. If single pamphlets were to be figured as volumes in our catalog hereafter,—and that is the system of the great libraries of the country generally, although we have not followed it,—our total at once mounts to a figure entitling us to rank among the larger libraries of this section. I quote here, from an English writer of eminence, a passage in the *London Illustrated News*, which well reflects the opinions accepted by the Institute in the treatment of newspapers.

"Mr. Sidney Lee," says this writer, "has made an energetic protest against the proposal of the British Museum Trustees to break up their collection of newspapers. They complain that they have not room to house these treasures, which they want to stow away in public libraries throughout the kingdom. The chief interest of the dispute lies in the attitude of the Trustees towards the multiplication of newspapers. They appear to regard this as an intolerable burden upon an institution which was designed for the preservation of more precious matter. Think of a Trustee's feelings at breakfast-time when his butler lays an unfamiliar journal on the table! 'What's this, James?' he asks. 'New half-penny paper, Sir: First number, Sir,' says James, probably stimulated by the headlines of that enterprising print. And the Trustee groans at the thought that every number will have to be enshrined in the Library of the British Museum. Why not? Mr. Lee says justly that the modern newspaper is of cardinal importance to the historian. Centuries hence, every number of that half-penny journal will be of the utmost value to the antiquary who explains our extraordinary ideas and habits to his wondering generation. An American professor of literature has been telling his readers that journalism is an ephemeral thing for the day's consumption, but that what men of letters write is for all time. The British Museum refutes

this theory. In its comprehensive bosom repose alike the genius who writes for posterity and the humble scribe who writes for to-morrow morning. Nothing amuses successive generations so much as the droll peculiarities of their ancestors ; and when our turn comes to minister to this mirth, it will be found that the journalist has contributed a good deal more material than the man of letters, not by any special merit of his own, but simply by his habit of observation. What chronicle of our pursuits and pastimes is so varied and veracious as the half-penny journal?" With all their shortcomings, the newspapers are to us very much what the players were to Shakespeare :—"For they are the abstracts and brief chronicles of the time."

By the enactment of Chapter 470 of the Acts of 1902, the Commonwealth has shown new evidence of interest in the preservation of its Vital Statistics, and has given a strong impulse to the efforts which have been sporadically made in the older sections of the State to save these invaluable records from decay and loss. A wise and comprehensive scheme for concerted action has now been worked out, largely through the efforts of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society, to which it is not presumptuous to add that the Institute has contributed its full share in the aid rendered by its Secretary, and this scheme has been adopted and put in operation by the Commonwealth. An appropriation of \$15,000 for the current year,—a sum large enough to insure the immediate inception of this important undertaking and to encourage its steady prosecution, — now waits to be apportioned amongst that group of towns whose enterprise and public spirit shall put them at the head of the list of claimants for the bounty of the State. To have this work done on a common and approved system, with reasonable expedition, by competent and fairly paid experts, will give great satisfaction to all our citizens who are alive to the importance of this long-delayed undertaking, and will put it out of the power of the coming years to impair the value of what time has spared us. Naturally the Essex Institute has felt itself called upon to enter this congenial field of labor with the foremost, and the beginning already

made gives earnest of results encouraging to the towns of the county which look to us for their initiative, as well as satisfactory to ourselves.

A pleasing incident of the year just past has been the selection of the Institute by the Commonwealth as the place of deposit for a fine piece of silver plate, presented by the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, in 1749, to the Honorable Benjamin Pickman, Esquire, of Salem, in recognition of the distinguished part he took in the reduction of Louisburg. This piece of silver, after being sacredly preserved and handed down from one generation of descendants to another, has at last found its way back to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and has been deposited, together with another interesting relic, by the Governor and Council in the custody of the Essex Institute. A portrait of Colonel Pickman,—the only likeness of him known to be in existence, and bearing indications that it is the handiwork of Smibert, was also in the possession of a descendant who was the last of the name to inherit the silver,—the late Dr. Hersey Derby Pickman, M.D., Surgeon General of Montana. This portrait has most generously been presented to the Essex Institute by the legal representatives of Dr. Pickman, and in his name. Such a statement of the circumstances as the incident seemed to call for has been prepared, embellished with a number of engravings, including one of Colonel Pickman's portrait and pictures of the two mansions built by him in Salem, and this is printed in the April number of the Historical Collections.

The publications for the year have not failed of their usual interest. The printing of the Commoners' Records of Salem has been completed. The publishing of the Beverly Church Records has been continued. Additional Pepperrell matter has been received and printed, and a considerable mass of facts has been accumulated from various sources relating to the affair at the North Bridge. Part of this material has been put in print and more will follow. Our townsman, William Devereux Dennis, has contributed, none too soon for historical purposes, a valuable account of the old Salem Fire Clubs, their character and functions, describing a unique form of

coöperative effort rather characteristic of this section. Dr. Gardner's record of the descendants of the Old Planter, Thomas Gardner, with illustrations, continues to enrich our pages. I cannot fail to commend the copious annotations which are giving to this exhaustive work an exceptional value, by citing the record authority for so many of its statements. An illustrated paper on the Misery Islands has been printed, and we have entered upon the production of a complete list of the vessels registered in the district of Salem and Beverly since the adoption of the Federal Constitution. For this list we are indebted to the joint research of Deputy-Collector A. Frank Hitchings and of Mr. Stephen Willard Phillips, and it cannot but furnish an admirable basis for the long-delayed Commercial History of Salem.

In this connection, an extended correspondence has been had, through the active coöperation of the State Department, with the British Government Officials at Halifax and at London, for the purpose of ascertaining if possible what became of the missing records of the Salem Custom House which disappeared on the outbreak of the Revolution. The essential portions of this correspondence will be printed in the Historical Collections, and they seem to show that, while these records were dispersed either on the withdrawal from Salem of Governor Gage in September, 1774, or a month later at the time of the Great Fire in which the Custom House perished, no trace of them is now to be found either at Halifax or in London.

The work of copying Dr. Bentley's Journals has made good progress, and discovers an amount of interesting and valuable material quite equal to our highest expectations. Copious notes have been added to the first four volumes, covering the years from 1783 to 1798, by Mr. Edward Stanley Waters, the Librarian of the Law Library at Minneapolis, and it will now be possible to produce in print a volume of three or four hundred pages, for which the necessary funds are already offered, whenever the Institute is prepared to entrust the delicate, laborious and responsible task of editing it to some competent hand. Meanwhile, typewritten copies are

being made in triplicate of this invaluable accumulation of local items, and as these copies are variously disposed of, and are all in safe keeping, Dr. Bentley's chronicle of his times will soon have been placed beyond the reach of casualty.

Finding ourselves represented in the present State Legislature by one of our Vice-Presidents who is a Senator, and by another of our Directors who is a member of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, the Institute availed itself of the more than usually favorable opportunity to procure the passage of an Act advancing the limit within which it is authorized to hold personal property. Recent liberal bequests were crowding closely upon the limit fixed four years ago, and Chapter 79 of the Acts of the present year fixes the new limit at \$500,000. Before we approach that limit a building worthy of the Essex Institute will be assured.

By the will of the late Captain William J. Chever of North Andover, admitted to Probate on October 20, 1902, the Institute is to receive a legacy of \$20,000, given in memory of the testator's deceased brother, Charles G. Chever, late of Denver, Colorado, and formerly of Salem. Through the discretion conferred by Captain Chever on the Executors of this will, some articles of historical and antiquarian interest amongst his accumulated collections may find their way, in addition to this generous bequest, into the possession of the Institute.

By the will of the late Miss Mary E. Williams, proved November 10, 1902, the Institute receives from her estate, upon the death of a sister, the sum of \$500, together with certain contingent legacies which may later considerably increase that amount, and also receives a valuable gift of personal effects,—books, paintings, and the like, including a collection of paintings from her own hand of wild-flowers growing in the neighborhood of Salem, and another collection of the wild-flowers characteristic of Brazil, a portfolio of fac-similes, very choice and rare, printed from water-colors done by Edith Norton, of Norbiton in Surrey, an English friend of the testatrix.

The late Dr. William Mack bequeathed to the Institute the sum of \$5,000, "the income to be devoted to the

purchase of rare and expensive works of merit in medicine and surgery:" the testator directing that all members of the medical profession should have the freest access thereto, and that the books, purchased upon the joint selection of the President and Librarian of the Essex Institute and of the President and Librarian of the Essex South District Medical Society, should be kept in the custody of the Institute, but not allowed to circulate. An instalment of this legacy was received in October last, and overtures were at once made to the Medical Society which were promptly and cordially reciprocated.

The Institute has received from the Executor of the will of the late Mrs. Susan S. Kimball the one thousand dollars left us by her for our general purposes, and from the Executors of the will of the late Miss Elizabeth C. Ward the ten thousand dollars provided by her for the development of our Chinese Library. From the Executors of the will of the late Walter Scott Dickson we have received \$25,588, being our portion as one of the residuary legatees of that estate.

The will of the late Miss Lydia L. A. Very was finally admitted to Probate by the Supreme Judicial Court on December 16, 1902, and we have received from her Executor \$2000 in trust for the care of the Very cemetery-lot. This will also provides as follows: "I give and devise my real estate, No. 154 Federal Street, of Salem aforesaid, in trust to the Essex Institute of Salem as a memorial of my brothers Jones Very and Washington Very; the grounds to be kept as near as possible as they are now. I would like to have the house kept as the residence of the botanist of said Institute."

This provision of the will involves the Institute in some embarrassment. The first object the testatrix had in mind, as evinced by the terms of the will and by her oral statements, was to preserve the estate intact, so far as possible, and to perpetuate it as a memorial of her two brothers. This object might have been secured in a variety of ways, had the will provided funds to carry such a plan into effect.

Jones Very was born in May Street Court, Salem, at the foot of Norman's Rocks, August 28, 1813. He died at the house in Federal Street, May 8, 1880. Neither he

nor his brother, Washington Very, was born in the Federal street house. Their father, Captain Jones Very, died in 1824, at the early age of thirty-four years. He had commanded ships for William Gray and other merchants. Captain Jones Very's father, Captain Isaac Very, had cared for the son's orphan family and, dying in 1831, had left them funds with which their guardian, in 1833, purchased the estate in Federal Street from Aaron Waite, who had removed the house across lots from his estate on Essex Street. On the Essex Street estate Mr. Waite built, in 1773, his larger homestead which later became the residence of Nathaniel L. Rogers.

An ancient wooden structure, in pressing and frequent need of repairs to save it from decay, and requiring very extensive changes to make it attractive to the modern tenant, is not an object well chosen for a memorial, the first characteristic of which should be permanency. Nor is the structure in question so interesting in itself from its architecture or its traditions, or so typical of any historic period, or so peculiarly identified with the persons to be commemorated as to make its case exceptional, or to give it a stronger claim on the future than other objects associated with these two persons. As often as it becomes necessary to repair the building or to renew it on its old lines, it must part with somewhat of its original material and of the features which identified it with its former occupants. And every departure from these old lines, made in modernizing the structure to meet the convenience of tenants, hastens the day when its association with the Very family will wholly disappear. The site alone, their residence since 1834, would seem to be the only permanent feature of this gift, and if the estate might be sold, under authority from the courts, and the site worthily marked with a lasting monument in stone or bronze, it would seem to be possible to administer the remaining proceeds of the sale in ways more in consonance with the general purposes of the testatrix than that indicated in her will. For instance, a monument might be placed at the commanding spot in the Great Pastures, so much frequented by the poet from boyhood until his death, and so constantly celebrated in his verse that his silent spirit seems still hovering about the place. Or a Very Room might be

established at the Institute. To confer advantages on the Essex Institute was no part of the purpose of this testatrix. She made us her trustee, not for our benefit but distinctly for another end, namely to perpetuate the honored memory of her brothers. That was a wish most natural to her, and one which appeals to every member of this body, and one which, so far as the means at our command will warrant, we should most gladly carry out. But we are without funds for such a purpose. The precise method indicated by the testatrix for effecting her wish is found to be impracticable, and unless some other method shall be found, equally in harmony with the purposes of the testatrix, which shall be authorized by the courts, it would seem that the obligation imposed by the Very will upon the Institute must be declined, and that the noble object she had so much at heart, so worthy of herself and so interesting to the community, will be wholly defeated.

The Annual Convention of the National Educational Association will sit at Boston, throughout the week commencing on July 6th. Large preparations are making for its reception, by a select Executive Committee, commensurate in numbers, in influence and in enthusiasm with the importance of the organized body to be entertained. The Association is framed upon the broadest lines, and includes the whole country as its field of labor, and studies to bring together at its frequent sittings all the common-school teachers in America. The Boston Executive Committee, which has assumed the function of host at this summer gathering, acts under the supervision of a large Advisory Board of which President Eliot is at the head, and on which the Essex Institute has been invited to a place. Doubtless such hospitalities as the Institute may be able to extend will be a welcome recognition.

On the Fourth of July, 1904, occurs the centenary of the birth of Nathaniel Hawthorne. Salem will naturally expect to notice this event, and it may be thought best for the Essex Institute to assume the initiative in connection with the matter. The fourth of July would be, in most years, an impossible day on which to commemorate, in Salem, in a fitting manner, the birth of this distinguished son. But, in the year 1904, the National

Birthday falls on Monday, and it might be possible to conduct, during the closing hours of the Sunday preceding the fourth, either at Hathorne Hill in Danvers, which seems to have been the property of the Worshipful Major William Hathorne, a lineal ancestor, in 1647, if not in 1639, or at the Point of Rocks on Salem Neck, an estate which seems to have been granted to Richard Hollingworth, a lineal ancestor, in 1635, and was in the Hathorne name for more than a century following the marriage, on October 16, 1746, of Captain John Hathorne with Susannah Towzell, or at some more convenient place of gathering, such exercises as would make the occasion one to be recalled with pleasing memories by those who rightly value what the literature of the language owes to Nathaniel Hawthorne. Whether taken in charge mainly by the Essex Institute or by other bodies, if the commemoration is to prove worthy of Salem and of the world-wide fame of this consummate master of the English tongue, it cannot be entered upon too soon, and I commend this matter to your early attention.

This is the third year since we have been able to hold our Annual Meeting in Plummer Hall. It has been an open question whether we had better meet here, where members would gain some familiarity with the contents of this building, or whether we should go to some larger hall, better fitted for so numerous a gathering. With their uniform liberality, the Trustees of the Peabody Academy of Science have placed Academy Hall at our service, and this year a very general inclination was manifested by our Board of Directors to meet there, but some doubt existed as to the legality, under the present By-laws, of action taken by the Institute anywhere save in our own rooms. Notice having been given at the last Annual Meeting of a proposed amendment of Article II, Section 1, which fixes our place of meeting in our own rooms, by striking out the words "at the Rooms of the Institute," that proposed change will be considered to-night, and, should it prevail, will make it possible hereafter to hold meetings, whether monthly or annual, wherever the convenience of members may dictate. The amendment will be in order for final action at this meeting.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

Among the more interesting and valuable objects in our Museum, is the well known full-length portrait of Sir William Pepperrell, which has been in the possession of the Essex Historical Society and its successor, the Institute, since 1821, when George Atkinson Ward brought it from Kittery to Salem, on the top of a stage coach. It had long been hanging in the hall of the Pepperrell mansion, occupied until shortly before that time, by Nathaniel Sparhawk, grandson of Sir William, who married, for his third wife, Deborah Adams of Portsmouth. After his death in 1815, she married Dr. Abiel Peirson of Salem. Mr. Ward, who was a connection of the family, was at this time indefatigable in procuring contributions to the cabinet collections of the newly organized historical society, of which he was recording secretary, and to him the portrait was presented and shortly after, it found its way to the room of the Essex Historical Society in Essex Place.

The artist's name does not appear upon the canvas and so accomplished an antiquary as Dr. Wheatland was unable, after much search, to discover who it was that laid the colors upon the surface and limned the cannon balls falling in mid air— falling for years and falling yet.

Recently there has come to light a mezzotint of Sir William Pepperrell, engraved by Peter Pelham. It is not listed in Smith's description of Pelham's works and but two impressions, one differently inscribed, are at present known to exist. The inscription reads as follows :

"Sir William Pepperrell Bart., Colonel of one of his Majesty's Regiments of Foot, who was Lieut. General and Commander in Chief of the American Forces

Employ'd in the Expedition against the Island of Cape Breton which was happily Reduced to the Obedience of his Britanick Majesty June the 17, 1745. J. Smibert Pinx: P. Pelham fecit et ex: 1747."*

A comparison shows that this mezzotint was engraved from the portrait now in the possession of the Essex Institute and establishes the interesting fact that it was painted by John Smibert.

Now that the subject of portraiture is before you, a suggestion may not be out of place. Should not the Institute possess a complete series of portraits of its Presidents, now deceased? Should not their services to this society, and to the community, be remembered and honored thus, by preserving in a public collection a memorial of these men whom many of you knew so well? We are fortunate in possessing portraits in oil of the Presidents of the Essex Historical Society and of one of the Presidents of the Essex County Natural History Society—Dr. Andrew Nichols; but Judge D. A. White and Dr. Henry Wheatland, alone represent those who, in days gone by, have presided on these occasions.

A necessary evil attendant to every annual report is the long summary of statistical information accumulated during the past year, with imposing rows of figures which are complacently received by one ear, and, readily escaping by the other, are as easily forgotten. Therefore it is in observance of a time-honored custom that your Secretary states that the membership of the Essex Institute on May 1, 1903, was seven hundred and forty-one in number, consisting of six hundred and fifty-six active members, twenty-six life members and fifty-nine upon the corresponding list.

During the past year fourteen of our members have died: Edward S. Waters of Holyoke; Moses Sweetser of Lynn; Elisha P. Dodge of Newburyport; William J. Chever of North Andover; Rev. S. Linton Bell of Marblehead; and Nathaniel Abbott, George C. Goodhue, Mrs. Henry B. Groves, Daniel Henderson, Arthur L. Huntington, Mrs. Needham C. Millett, Edward D. Ropes, Charles H. Norris, and William L. Welch, all of Salem.

* Proceedings of the Colonial Society of Mass., Vol. V, pp. 95-96.

Mr. Henderson was elected a member in 1867 and Mr. Pratt, in 1874. Twenty-four persons have withdrawn from membership and six active members have been elected.

Donations have been made to the cabinet collections by seventy-two different persons on ninety-six different occasions.

With but one exception the lectures in the Free Lecture Course were given in Academy Hall, through the generous coöperation of the Trustees in charge. The experiment was tried of beginning the Course during the month of November, and so far as can be estimated the innovation was satisfactorily received.

Seven lectures and one concert were given in the Public Course, as follows :

Prof. T. A. Jaggar, of Harvard University, an illustrated lecture on "The Active Volcanoes of the Caribbees."

Miss Annie D. Peck, of Providence, R. I., an illustrated lecture on "Mexico, with Ascents of Popocatepetl and Orizaba."

Concert at Ames Memorial Hall, by Mr. Joshua Phippen, pianoforte; assisted by Mrs. Jesse Hatch Symonds, violin; Miss Greta Masson, soprano; and Mr. Charles Delmont, basso cantante.

Mr. Lindsay Swift, of the Boston Public Library, a lecture on "Nathaniel Hawthorne at Brook Farm."

Mr. William W. Ellsworth, Secretary of the Century Company, New York City, an illustrated lecture on "Arnold and André."

Col. William A. Pew, jr., of the 8th Regiment, M.V.M., all illustrated lecture, on "In Camp with the Eighth in Georgia and Cuba."

Miss Helen A. Brooks, of Boston, a recital entitled "The French Troubadours of the Twelfth Century and Their Followers of To-day."

Mr. Charles J. H. Woodbury, of Lynn, an illustrated lecture, "By Canoe and Trail in the Maine Forest."

Beginning with January 5th, seven evenings were occupied in the Home Course, as follows :

Rev. Samuel C. Beane, of Newburyport, a paper on

"John Quincy Adams as a Law Student in Essex County."

Mr. John Albree, jr., of Swampscott, a paper on "Time Keeping in 1700;" illustrated by specimens from the collections of the Institute.

Rev. George D. Latimer, of the North Church, Salem, a paper on "Some Impressions of Russia."

Dr. A. H. Harrington, Superintendent of the Danvers Insane Hospital, a paper on "Hathorne Hill."

Mr. Gardner M. Jones, Librarian of the Salem Public Library, a paper on "The Public Library."

J. L. Bellefleur, D.D.S., of Salem, lectured on "The Development of, and Benefits Conferred by Dental Science."

Prof. Frank A. Laws, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, an illustrated lecture with experiments, on "The Passage of Electricity through Gases."

Four quarterly issues of the Historical Collections have been printed and distributed; Volume xxxviii containing four hundred and forty printed pages.

The annual report for the year ending May 5, 1902, a pamphlet of forty-five pages, was mailed to each member during the month of June.

The new edition of the Visitor's Guide to Salem was completed and placed on sale late in the Fall. The rearrangement of the subject matter and especially the new and attractive cover, have caused much favorable comment.

From the sale of Historical Collections, and other publications of the Institute, the sum of \$730.88 has been received and from etchings and reproductions, \$95.17.

During the year ending April 30, 1903, 13,789 persons visited the Museum, a small falling off in attendance from the previous year, due no doubt, in part, to the decision to close the Museum from December 11th until February 17th, owing to the coal famine; but coming as it did at a season of the year when the attendance is usually small, the deprivation to the public could not have been of any considerable moment.

Two new cases have been placed in the Museum, and the George Rea Curwen collection of glass and china has

been unpacked and placed on exhibition. Many other exhibits have also been rearranged and labeled. The collection of dolls and children's toys has been placed in a separate section and strenuously invites further contributions. An early Noah's ark and a wooden village of the 1840 period are particularly desired.

Several interesting additions have been made to the collections of flasks and old glass and further donations of old pottery and glass are invited.

Several of the finer and more representative pieces in the Curwen collection of old furniture have been withdrawn from storage and placed on exhibition. They have been greatly admired. Age and perfect condition combine to give them an unusual value as exhibition objects.

The Elizabeth C. Ward collection of Chinese objects and the case in which have been arranged the funeral rings, and old watches, interest many visitors.

Work upon the unarranged manuscripts has steadily advanced. Nearly three hundred folio volumes have been completed to date, while additions to the arranged collections of views, portraits and autograph letters are constantly being made and the time is not distant when it will be possible to make a definite reply to the interrogatories:—Does the Institute possess this portrait, or that view? Has the Institute manuscript material relating to a certain subject?

An autograph letter written by William Lloyd Garrison to James S. Gibbons, afterwards author of "We are coming Father Abraham, Three hundred thousand more," and which was presented to the Institute in January, by his daughter Mrs. William Emerson of New York City, contains the following interesting paragraph. The letter is dated April 28, 1861, only sixteen days after Fort Sumter was fired upon. After commenting on the progress of the "civil war" and mentioning the postponement of the anniversary meeting of the American Anti-Slavery Society on that account, Mr. Garrison writes: "So tremendous and wholly unexpected to the slave oligarchy are the military gatherings of the North for the preservation of the Union,

that I am inclined, now, to think the South will no longer make any offensive assaults, in which case the present Northern furor may as suddenly go down as it has been aroused — leaving the spirit of 'compromise' and 'conciliation' to come in, and reduce the North to a worse submission than She has ever yet evinced."

Not until recently were apparent the value and historical interest of our collection of commissions, both military and civil. These have been mounted and arranged and number nearly three hundred items. The earliest military commission is dated Oct. 23, 1686 and is a warrant appointing Henry Short "Lieutenant of the Troope of Newberry and Rowley," and is signed by Joseph Dudley, President of His Majesty's Territory and Dominion of New England. In the collection may be found John Glover's commissions as Captain of the Company of Foot, in Marblehead, dated 1759 and 1762, and more interesting than either, the commission issued by the Continental Congress, under date of July 1, 1775, and signed by John Hancock and Charles Thomson, appointing John Glover, Colonel of the 21st Regiment in the Army of the United Colonies.

Over eleven hundred photographic negatives, including both portraits and views, have been placed in manila envelopes, labeled and arranged. The collection contains many interesting subjects.

Work on the Bentley Diary has been continued, the period between May 13, 1792 and May 28, 1798, having been copied, a total during the year of 858 typewritten pages, and a grand total of 1743 typewritten pages. The diary contains a wealth of local history and should be carefully edited and printed.

A considerable portion of the available time has been given to work on the library, but during odd moments, an author-title-subject index to the Historical Collections has been completed, a total of about 3100 index cards, which have been alphabetically arranged and placed in the card catalog case for public use, thereby making wholly available to the student, the great accumulation of material printed in the thirty-eight volumes of our historical series.

The Vital Records law, enacted in 1902, makes it possible for the Institute to print the births, marriages and deaths of Essex County cities and towns from the earliest period to and including the year 1849. It is the intention to exercise the greatest care in obtaining an accurately printed transcript of the town clerk's record, and, as such records are always incomplete, to supply so far as may be obtainable, additional records to be found in the church books, in family Bibles or private records, and on the carven stone in the burial ground. Three copyists are at work at the present time, upon Marblehead and Manchester records.

In 1676, Capt. Paul White, a citizen of the town of Newbury, feeling aggrieved at the tax levied upon his estate by the town officials, carried the issue to the Quarterly Court and much of the testimony introduced has been preserved to the present day. A short time since, while searching among the original papers at the Court House, I chanced upon some dozen or more documents relating to this case. The selectmen had submitted evidence showing the great expense resting upon the town, in part, because of King Philip's War, and the many rates levied in consequence, and among the papers presented at Court was a broadside, dated May 3, 1676, having printed at its head the great seal of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. It was a printed copy of the order of the Great and General Court levying ten single country rates, "For defraying the charges already expended vpon the warre, & other charges arising on the further prosecution thereof."

Seventeenth century broadsides are among the rarest products of the New England press. Upon investigation and correspondence it soon appeared that I had discovered an hitherto unknown imprint, and that but eleven American broadsides bearing earlier dates were known to be in existence.

So far as I have learned these are unique examples and are as follows :

The Harvard Theses, of 1643, 1647 and 1670 :—possessed by the Massachusetts Historical Society.

An Humble Proposal, for the Inlargement of the



AT A
GENERAL COURT

Held at Boston the 3^d of May

1676

For defraying the Charges already expended upon the Warre, and other Charges arising in the further prosecution thereof, It is Ordered by this Court and the Authority thereof, that there shall be ten single Countrey Rates forthwith assessed, and collected according to Law, to be paid in specie as formerly, and to abate one quarter part to any that shall pay money. Also that the Select Men be allowed and impowered to rate such by Will and Doom as are known to be men of ability, whose estates in a great measure lye out of the reach of the Law being undiscovered, without abatement on account of any mans paying for importation of Goods, and in case of aggrievance by over-valuation, relief be to given to such in such a way as the Law provides: Provided, that such frontier Towns as are considerably weakened in mens Persons or Estates by the Enemy, be allowed a meet abatement of their proportions in the Rates, their Condition being by their Deputyes or others appointed, represented to this Court at their next Sessions: And where any Persons in any of the Towns have disbursed for the publick relating to the Warr, they shall be allowed and paid the same out of the Rates of such Towns where they dwell, and that this shall be in the room of all bills for assessing of Rates passed this Sessions of Court.

By the COURT Edward Ransom Secr.

University of Learning in New England, 1659 :—preserved in the Massachusetts Archives.

The Conditions for New Planters, 1665 :—at the British Museum.

Proposal from the Governor and sundry of the Magistrates, in relation to the "Caribdee Islands," 1667 :—preserved in the Massachusetts Archives.

Letter to the Elders and Ministers, from the Governor and Council, relating to catechising the youth, 1668 :—possessed by the Massachusetts Historical Society.

The proclamation appointing a day of fasting on Sept. 22, 1670, because of the "low state of the churches," and now preserved in the Massachusetts Archives.

Order from the Deputy Governor and Magistrates recommending subscriptions to be solicited to defray the cost of "Re-edifying," the Castle, lately destroyed by fire, 1673 :—now in the Massachusetts Archives.

Order from the General Court, that friendly Indians be confined in their several plantations, 1675 :—in the library of the Boston Athenæum.

Order from the General court, that selectmen take account of families retiring from outlying towns owing to the war, 1676 :—in the library of the Boston Athenæum.

And next in order, the unique broadside now preserved at the Court House in Salem.

Dr. Samuel A. Green, of the Massachusetts Historical Society, in commenting upon the discovery, alluded to the lists of early broadsides compiled by himself and by Mr. Paine of the American Antiquarian Society, and wrote in part as follows : "I have no doubt that the Essex Institute has many titles which would supplement these lists. I wish that you would print a similar list of Early Imprints found in your library. I feel quite sure that you could give some very interesting descriptions."

A most excellent suggestion which I hope may be acted upon at no distant day.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE FRANCIS DOW,

Secretary.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

The additions to the Library for the year (May, 1902 to May, 1903) have been as follows :—

	Vols.	Pamphs.	Serials
By donation,	847	1265	1700
By exchange,	88	255	1211
By purchase,	309	193	66
By subscription,			412
Total of accessions,	<hr/> 1239	<hr/> 1713	<hr/> 3389

The donations for the year have been received from 213 individuals and 110 societies and governmental departments.

The exchanges, from 6 individuals and 237 societies, of which 117 are foreign; also from editors and publishers.

There have been 49 donations to the manuscript collections from 18 persons.

The library has received two bequests during the year, one being the first instalment on account of the bequest of \$5000, made by the late William Mack, M.D., of Salem, the income of which must be applied to the purchase of rare and expensive medical books; the other, from the late Arthur A. Averille of this city, a gift of about eighty volumes of Catholic church music, and also rare volumes of Scottish and Irish music. This is a welcome addition to our musical library which already contains a good number of masses and other sacred music. The collection of anthem books, numbering 480 volumes, some of them of early date and valuable, has been labeled and arranged during the past summer.

Our friend Mr. Henry Fitz Gilbert Waters, now of Melrose, has added to our set of the publications of the

Harleian Society, so that we now possess the first twenty-seven volumes of the "Visitations," which are more difficult to obtain than the later ones. Some of our contributors make it their custom to lay aside for us any local material which comes to their hands, thus preserving many programs, circulars, tickets and other ephemeral printed matter, which, although seemingly unimportant, and frequently overlooked, will have an historical value to the antiquarians of the future.

The accessions by purchase have been mainly in American history and genealogy, and to increase the special collection of Essex County authors and imprints. A watchful eye has been kept on sales of the works of Hawthorne and Whittier, and many gaps have been filled in our early newspaper files. We have been fortunate enough to secure a set of Sabin's "Dictionary of Books relating to America," a number of volumes from a second-hand book dealer, and the remainder from Mr. Sabin's son.

As much accumulation without assimilation is unsatisfactory, the greatest effort of the year has been to forward the work on the card catalog, which is technically known as a dictionary catalog, so called because the headings (author, subject and title) are arranged in alphabetical order like the words in a dictionary. Since last September an assistant cataloger has been employed constantly, and in addition, we were able to secure the services of another cataloger for several weeks. This, with some extra assistance which we have obtained from time to time, has enabled us to accomplish a larger amount of work than in previous years. The use of the printed cards issued by the Library of Congress has been continued and proves to be very satisfactory. By this method of coöperative cataloging each library secures the benefit of expert work at a cost much below that of doing the same work independently. When a book contains many different authors and subjects it is sometimes necessary to use several hundred cards. During the year we have purchased 8358 of these printed cards at a cost of \$67.95, and the additions for the year, including both printed and written cards, amount to 12,000 cards.

By the use of the printed cards it has become feasible to have a card shelf list (for which a new case has been provided), instead of the sheets which have been used up to this time. This will save frequent re-writing of the sheets to preserve alphabetical order and will be a great economy of time as well. This shelf list will also serve for a subject or classed catalog, in which the cards are arranged by class number, that is to say, the books relating to one subject being placed together, the cards appear in the same order as the books on the shelves. Each card in the shelf list being an exact copy of the author card in the catalog, this arrangement will afford to a student of any subject, exact information as to the material we have in his specialty.

During the past summer two extra assistants were employed for general library work. The volumes of political and social science were classified, labeled and arranged; the trials, civil and criminal, of which we have a large number, were carefully repaired, placed in manilla envelopes and arranged chronologically; the school books, numbering about 4,500 volumes, were put in order and duplicates eliminated. Many of these, of early date, contain rude and curious wood-cuts, and a study of this collection illustrates the progressive changes in methods of teaching as well as in text books. The collection of about 800 log books and sea journals has been labeled, and acknowledgment should be made at this time to Mr. Lawrence W. Jenkins for his work in compiling a card index of these volumes, and for assistance rendered the Institute in many other ways. This index will make available for ready reference these valuable records of the period of commercial activity in Salem.

The rare books in one of the fireproof rooms have recently been classified and arranged, and a dummy has been substituted for each volume of American history and biography in its proper place in the rooms where those classes are shelved. This will be of greatest assistance to a person using the open shelves as he may readily see what rare books we have in each class. Up to this time there has been no way of learning this but by asking the assistant in charge who would then be obliged to make a long, and often fruitless search among the unarranged

volumes and pamphlets in the fireproof room. While engaged in this work several treasures have come to light, and it is hoped at some future time to publish a descriptive list, but at present I can only briefly mention a few. There is a perfect copy of Whittier's poem *Moll Pitcher*, Boston, 1832, in the original light green paper covers. A copy of this little pamphlet, lacking the back cover, sold at auction in 1901, for \$270. A *Narrative, of the excursion and ravages of the King's Troops Under the Command of General Gage, On the nineteenth of April, 1775, together with the Depositions Taken by Order of Congress, To support the Truth of it.* Published by Authority. Massachusetts Bay: Worcester, Printed by Isaiah Thomas, by order of the Provincial Congress. On the cover is written in ink "Richard D. Jewett, 1775." Of this pamphlet Thomas in his *History of Printing* says "It was the first book printed in Worcester," and Sabin notes it as "Very scarce." A copy was sold in 1897 for \$118. *Church's Entertaining Passages Relating to Philip's War which Began in the Month of June, 1675. . . . Boston, 1716.* This is inscribed on the reverse of the title page: "T. Prince. The Gift of Col. Church Himself. Boston, 1717." Colonel Church took an active part in King Philip's war and only a short time before his death, presented this pamphlet to the Reverend Thomas Prince, the pastor of the Old South Church in Boston.

The Congressional documents, which are bound in sheepskin and popularly known as "the sheep set," have been labeled with consecutive numbers to correspond with the serial number given in the "Index of the Congressional series of U. S. Public Documents," recently issued by the government.

In my report a year ago I stated that the Institute had been requested to loan its Congressional documents previous to the Fifteenth Congress, to the Superintendent of Documents at Washington. These were carefully packed and sent on by registered mail, and after three months returned to us in good condition. We were surprised to learn that twenty-one of these documents are unique and the Superintendent's estimate of their value is shown in the following letter:—

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS,
WASHINGTON, D. C., SEPT. 20, 1902.

MISS ALICE G. WATERS, LIBR'N,
ESSEX INSTITUTE,
SALEM, MASS.

DEAR MADAM:—

By registered mail I am returning to you today, two sacks, containing the 135 volumes of documents of the first fourteen Congresses, so kindly sent us for checking purposes the first of May last. The delay in returning them has been occasioned by the pressure of work here and the careful scrutiny which they necessarily demand, in order that nothing of either bibliographical or typographical importance shall escape notice.

The effort of checking was repaid by finding among your collection twenty-one documents of which we had hitherto no record; and by being able to give reference in the list to so good a collection, especially of the journals. Each document listed will bear record as to where it may be found; and we expect to "scour the country" in our effort to make the list as complete and geographically far-reaching as possible.

Our supply of the original prints of the first fourteen Congresses is very limited and we should be glad to exchange for any of your duplicates if you would indicate what they are, and what we could supply in return.

Some of your Continental Congress documents are rare and certainly deserve substantial binding.

Your interest is greatly appreciated and I trust the books may reach you speedily and safely, none the worse for a few months in Washington.

Very truly yours,

L. C. FERRELL,

Superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. WATERS,

Librarian.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

INCOME.

Balance from last Report,		\$1,590 16
Income, General Fund,	\$5,968 96	
Less taxes, insurance, repairs, Texas and Beverly lands; premiums charged off, accrued interest, etc.,	1,511 87	
	<u>3,956 99</u>	
Income, Permanent Fund,	\$3,968 87	
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Assessment of members,	1,704 00	
Less paid in advance, last acct.,	<u>510 00</u>	
		1,194 00
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		<u>\$10,648 76</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries,	\$4,818 61
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New Edition Visitor's Guide,	427 20
Chinese Library, books,	2 00
Natural History and Horticulture,	11 50
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	<u>10,361 31</u>
Balance of Cash on hand,	387 45
	<u>\$10,648 76</u>

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM O. CHAPMAN,
Treasurer.

Salem, May 4, 1903.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SALEM, MAY 4, 1903.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ESSEX INSTITUTE :

Your Finance Committee has examined the securities and accounts in the hands of the Treasurer, as provided for in the By-laws. The books appear to be carefully kept, and the expenditures properly vouched. The securities examined were according to the books submitted by the Treasurer. The annual report of the Treasurer has been examined and is hereby certified to be correct.

ROBERT S. RANTOUL, *Chairman,*
for the Finance Committee.

NECROLOGY OF MEMBERS.

NATHANIEL ABBOTT of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Jan. 16, 1888 and died June 22, 1902.

REV. S. LINTON BELL of Marblehead, Mass., was elected a member Aug. 6, 1894 and died May 27, 1902.

WILLIAM J. CHEVER of North Andover, Mass., was elected a member Sept. 17, 1894 and died July 11, 1902.

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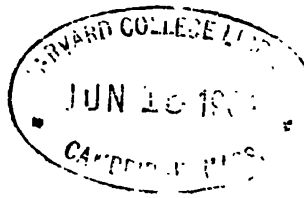
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THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS FOR 1904.

The detailed reports of the Secretary, of the Treasurer, and of the Librarian, which are to follow, make it needless for me to do more than to review in a cursory way the incidents of the year's work. The bulk of it has been divided between the cataloguing of the library, and the publication, under State auspices, of the Vital Statistics of several Essex County towns. Chapter 43 of the Acts of 1903, putting into effect Chapter 470 of the Acts of 1902, was extended to cover the current year by the Act of February 1st, 1904, and the Institute naturally finds itself, by reason of its organization and trained service, able to enter this new field of congenial effort with some advantage. The results thus far accomplished by three assistants, working under the personal supervision of the Secretary, may be summed up thus: The complete statistics for Manchester and one half of the mass of statistics for Marblehead have been printed and have been accepted by the Commonwealth, and the portion of the cost incurred in preparing and publishing them, which the Institute is entitled to claim from the Commonwealth under the Statutes, has been received. The statistics of Wenham, one half of those of Lynn, and the remaining half of those of Marblehead, have also in large part been collected. In the case of Lynn the Institute takes pleasure in acknowledging the substantial aid which has been rendered by the Officials of that City. The printing of the early Town Records of Salem, suspended in 1869, has been resumed. The copying of the Bentley manuscripts has made good progress.

The Institute, in the issue of its Historical Collections for April, 1903, entered upon the publication of a complete transcript of all the Ship Registers recorded at the Port of Salem and Beverly, from the time of the establishment of the Federal Government until the beginning of

the Twentieth Century. This undertaking promises to add a most valuable chapter to the local history of the County, and while it does not touch that most important period which precedes the adoption of the Constitution, neither dealing with the Colonial and Provincial Commerce of such pioneers as George Corwin, Philip English, Benjamin Pickman and Timothy Orne, nor with the privateering enterprises of the French and Revolutionary Wars, it does however exhaust, in a qualified sense, the statistics of Salem's most brilliant commercial period, covering the half-century which followed the Revolution and included the War of 1812. In the forthcoming publication, the names of vessels will be arranged alphabetically without reference to class, rig or date, so that a given craft can be traced with the ease of a word in the dictionary, or of a name in the directory, while the index will furnish a guide to the names of owners. A few items of trustworthy information, such as the ownership and command of the vessel at specified dates, are added in each case, as well as the place and date of launching and, so far as known, of final disappearance from the Records of the Port. When complete, the work will form a volume of some two hundred and fifty pages, illustrated with seventy or more spirited half-tone engravings of well-known vessels, contributed by persons interested in the vessels and their owners. It will also contain a chart reproducing in colors the private signals used by forty-eight of our commercial houses. It was a practice with the ship-masters of this section, while delayed in some Old World port for a cargo or for orders, to beguile the time in procuring paintings of their vessels as well as by sitting for portraits of themselves. Salem, Beverly and Marblehead are rich in these souvenirs, some of them done in Canton, more of them in Rotterdam, Copenhagen and Antwerp and in the Mediterranean ports, and the opportunity for reproducing good paintings of the sailing-craft of the end of the eighteenth and the first half of the nineteenth centuries, in the illustration of a work like this, is better here than in any other sea-port of the United States, New York, Boston, and Baltimore possibly but not probably excepted. Bos-

ton lost a large part of her ship-pictures in the great fire of 1872 and Baltimore has just met with a like disaster. The East India Marine Museum exhibits more than two hundred of these pictures, the Essex Institute some forty, and the number of them retained in private hands is very considerable. The ship-picture is a sort of fetish in Salem. A dealer who has been conducting a large trade in ship-pictures, extending from Eastport to New York, and amounting in value to many thousands of dollars, has recently said that he had never yet been able to buy a ship-picture owned in Salem. A large collection of authentic ship-pictures, extending over so long a period, and of such quality as those we shall be able to present, will give to the forthcoming volume great additional value and interest as a pocket-gallery of marine architecture. The publication of the volume cannot fail to hasten the day when Salem's tardy tribute to the source of her prosperity—the Sea—need be delayed no longer. It was to the privateersmen of the Revolution, and not primarily to the Berlin and Milan Decrees and the Orders in Council, that the commercial ascendancy of Salem owed its rise. For it was their part to build the ships and to train the seamen that, when the War closed, showed the way for commerce round the World. And when the Commercial History of Salem shall come to be written by an able hand, it will appear that the ship-masters and ship-owners of this section, self-taught in war, surmounting every obstacle which confronts the pioneer, and striking out for themselves new avenues of trade, were as remarkable a group of men as ever left their stamp upon the chronicles of their time.

One of the most notable donations received at the Institute in recent years is the gift of books, manuscripts, and curiosities presented by our Curator of History, Henry Fitz Gilbert Waters. Mr. Waters is a son of Salem whose long-continued service in the field of antiquarian and genealogical research, on both sides of the Atlantic, has laid students in these branches under an obligation spontaneously recognized everywhere.

An interesting feature of the year's work were the well-attended mushroom exhibits, which were conducted by

Messrs. Richards B. Mackintosh and Willis H. Ropes, members of the Boston Mycological Club as well as of the Institute. Several meetings were held in the Spring, but the principal meetings were five which occurred during September and October, the season when fungi are most abundant, and mostly on Monday evenings, thus giving exhibitors an opportunity to bring in for identification fungi which they might have collected on the preceding Saturday and Sunday. Many of these were rare, curious and beautiful, and one hundred and seventy-six species of Essex County mushrooms, besides a number of others from without the County, were exhibited and named, and a list of them is on file with the Institute, but it does not go far to exhaust the Mycology of the County.

At all these meetings, discussions with black-board illustrations were had upon the structure and classification of the mushroom, and upon its use as an article of diet, and suggestions were made as to modes of cooking. Special care was taken to demonstrate the distinguishing marks of the deadly *Amanita* group, in order that it might be readily and with certainty avoided. At nearly all of the exhibitions some specimens of this genus were upon the table. It is one of the wasteful extravagances of our people that this prolific esculent is so generally ignored as an article of food, for lack of the little skill required in discriminating between the edible and the noxious varieties. The mushroom is more than a mere relish: it has a nutritive value ranking it with the oyster. To spread abroad the knowledge required to make it safe as an article of food is a valuable service. Mr. John Robinson, in his "Flora of Essex County", published by the Essex Institute in 1880, omits the fungi. Other mushroom exhibits are promised in succeeding years. When our members bring in for classification fungi, whether rare or common, they are not only gaining useful knowledge for themselves but are assisting the specialists to supply a missing link in the "Flora of Essex County," a new edition of which will soon be called for.

In July, 1901, while excavating across West's Beach in Beverly a passage some fifteen feet wide for the construc-

tion of a drain to lead from the adjoining Swift estate to tide-water, a pitch-pine tree of ten inches diameter, in good preservation, with portions of the roots attached to the stump, was found lying across the course of the drain, embedded some seventeen feet below the surface. This was too interesting a discovery to pass unnoticed. It is thought to furnish a new link in the chain of reasoning which seems to show a steady subsidence or depression going on along our New England seaboard. A log of the tree was removed from the excavation and, through the kind offices of Messers Robert Treat Paine and Edwin C. Swift, this log found its way, in October last, to the Essex Institute, accompanied with a carefully prepared statement of the interesting details of the occurrence, for all of which the acknowledgements of the Institute have been duly made.

The Institute finds itself in possession of the two pictures likely to be visited and examined with the greatest interest on each recurring centennial of the Fall of Louisburg. The full length portrait of Sir William Pepperrell was obtained by gift from George Atkinson Ward in 1821. It has been accepted as the authentic likeness ever since, and has been copied as such both in oils and for purposes of illustration in black and white. Only lately however has it been recognized as an undoubted Smibert. We have now also the single likeness known to be preserved of Pepperrell's great coadjutor, Colonel Benjamin Pickman of Salem, and this picture may be from the same hand, if there be any value in the dictum which asserts that an artist's style is oftener recognized by little idiosyncrasies betraying themselves when he is off his guard, than by the salient features of his work to which he devotes his care and thought. If this be a fair test of the authenticity of debated works, the Pickman portrait is either a Smibert or a copy after Smibert, for the ruffled right hand in the Pickman and in the Pepperrell pictures are identical in their strange uncouthness. The Pickman picture is thought to have belonged to Greenwood. It may be a copy by Greenwood, but he could scarcely have painted it from the life, for Greenwood was too modern a

painter for that. He made a collection of historical portraits in Boston, and his gallery was long on exhibition, and was finally sold and became the nucleus of the Boston Museum. The Benjamin Pickman portrait may have been a feature of the Greenwood gallery. It was a gift from Mrs. Philomele P. Hoffman, the administratrix of Dr. H. Derby Pickman, late Surgeon General of Montana.

The deposit at the Institute, by the Commonwealth, of the Pickman silver received last year, brought us a letter from Mr. John H. Buck, the recognized authority on silver plate and its antiquities, dated at Mount Vernon, in New York, and giving some account of the silversmith, Swan, whose name appears as that of the maker on the plate presented by the Province to Col. Pickman in 1749. Mr. Buck finds that this William Swan of Worcester, Massachusetts, was employed to make a communion cup "equal in value to Mr. Sawyer's legacy" for the First Church of Lancaster, December 30, 1762. Swan died in his fifty-ninth year, April 18, 1774.

The will of Miss Mary Pickman Ropes, probated January 8, 1904, has opened the way for a future enlargement of the Institute's field of effort, by the proposed establishment under its auspices of a Free School of Botany. Due acknowledgement of this splendid endowment has been made in the first number of the Historical Collections for the year 1904. A picture of the Nathaniel Ropes Mansion, which is with the adjoining estate the subject of this gift, accompanies this annual publication. The house has a history and a beauty which well entitle it to the notice of the Institute, and the possibilities of its future may well vie with the interest of its past.

Not the least interesting feature of the gift is the connection of the donor with our first President, Judge Daniel Appleton White, who married her cousin, and who has been well commemorated in a paper from the pen of Miss Ropes on the descendants of John Horne, deposited in the archives of the Institute.

For a generation past the Institute has been in possession of a portrait of its first President. Investigation had shown this to be the work of Chester Harding, whose

daughter became, in 1848, the wife of Judge White's eldest son, the Rev. William Orne White, the donor of the picture. As a wedding gift to this son-in-law, Harding painted a portrait of Judge White, which has remained ever since in possession of the younger White's family. Judge White died in March, 1861, and the son procured from Harding a replica of the portrait, which replica, in 1862, he presented to the Essex Institute.

But Judge White, years before this, had sat to Frothingham and the Frothingham portrait had drifted away from Salem. In July, 1908, the Institute received a letter dated at Davenport, Iowa, announcing the fact that there was in private hands there, a painting of Judge White of Salem attached to which had recently been discovered an inscription in his handwriting in these words: "This picture has been promised to the Essex Historical Society whenever it may be claimed by them. Salem, March 8, 1850." It will be noted that this memorandum bears date after the sitting to Harding, and before the date of Judge White's will, which makes no mention of either picture.

The writer of the letter received by the Institute was a grandson of Judge White's sister, Anna. After such correspondence as was necessary to satisfy the holder of the picture that it was not another copy of the portrait by Chester Harding of which we already had one in our gallery, and that the Essex Institute was the legitimate successor to the Essex Historical Society of which Judge White was a Founder and its last President, the point of ownership was conceded and its transmission to the Essex Institute was announced on the 19th of April last.

We have been favored this year with the loan of two Derby portraits of exceptional interest. They are copies made by Miss Rosamond L. Smith,—one from the work of an unknown artist of distinct merit, representing the younger Richard Derby,—who was born in 1735, and died in 1781,—a son of Captain Richard Derby of North Bridge renown, and an elder brother of Captain John Derby of the "Quero," and of the great merchant, Elias Hasket Derby. This Richard Derby, along with other distinctions, was called to preside over the Provincial

Congress sitting at Watertown in 1776, and to sign in that capacity, July 17, 1776, the famous order providing for the reading of the Declaration of Independence from the State House Balcony in Boston and from every Massachusetts pulpit.* The other temporary exhibit is Miss Smith's copy of a fine painting by Col. John Trumbull of General Elias Hasket Derby—a son of the great merchant. It was he who, in 1802, procured the levelling of Salem Common in the interest of the Militia, providing it for the first time with a border of poplar trees, and with its wooden fence of oak rails which embraced the four elaborate McIntire gateways. He also presented to the East India Marine Museum the box-wood carving in miniature of the "Day of Judgment."

We have been exhibiting of late one of the three copies which had been known to exist of Remick's water-color sketch representing the landing in Boston Harbor on October first, 1768, of the 14th and 29th British Regiments sent to enforce, with the aid of a blockade, the odious revenue laws of Great Britain. These pictures, sixty-two by thirteen inches in size and painted in three sections, have been attracting much attention from their rarity and consequent commercial value, and also from the detailed knowledge which they give of the rig and appointments of the vessels depicted. They are accompanied by a key which gives the names of eight of the vessels shown, and they are lettered with the words "Perspective View of the Blockade of Boston." The two regiments landing at the end of "y^e Long Wharfe," were the two regiments the withdrawal of which from Boston a little later was due to the patriotic audacity of Samuel Adams. They were popularly known as the "Sam. Adams Regiments," and with them landed a division of the 59th Regiment, afterwards encamped at Salem Neck.

Last summer Mr. John Anthony Remick of Boston, a kinsman of the artist who made these sketches, visited the Institute, attracted by the knowledge that we possessed one of them. He was much surprised on being invited to

*For a copy of this interesting document, see ADDENDUM, page 17.

inspect a replica evidently older than the one of which he was in search,— framed with the aid of two lead sashes between the three sections of the painting,—somewhat differently lettered, but otherwise identical with the three copies before known to be preserved. This copy had been recently unearthed in the process of frequent removal and rearrangement to which our restricted quarters condemn us. The newly discovered copy Mr. J. A. Remick had no hesitation in pronouncing to be the original of them all.

Christian Remick, the artist who signs these rare productions, was a ship-master as well as a Revolutionary officer, and was probably of Dutch extraction. He was a prisoner of War in 1777, and in 1778 a Lieutenant and pilot on the "Tyranicide." He was a son of Christian Remick, who was born at Kittery, in 1694, and whose grandfather, Christian Remick, the immigrant, was living there before 1651, and died there about 1705. Chief Justice Morrison Remick Waite was a descendant. The Remicks were among the great Piscataqua ship-builders, ship-owners, and promoters of the fisheries, as well as large land-holders and York County magnates. A picture of a British fleet, done from the actual studies and drawings of such an expert in seamanship as Christian Remick, has a two-fold value. He was a master of sea-craft as well as an eye-witness of the scene. What he knew of art he seems to have learned in Spain. His view of the "Landing" which he calls his "Magna Charta" is the reverse of that engraved by Paul Revere, for Remick took his view from the wharf while Revere took his picture from the water. Remick's view was exhibited at the "Bunch of Grapes" tavern and elsewhere in Boston in October, 1769. Being drawn from the wharf it shows the harbor, head-lands and islands.

In the summer of 1902, the Institute received for investigation and report, from an English source of the highest authority, a very curious twig or slip of wood bearing three well-formed buds, under each of which buds was the natural leaf-scar caused by the dropping of the leaf in Autumn, each scar bearing an unmistakable resemblance to a weird human face. The twig with others like

it had been offered for sale in London as having grown on Witch Hill in Salem, and as presenting in miniature the features of a witch. The request for information touching this interesting phenomenon was clearly made in good faith and in a scientific spirit, and has been followed by further correspondence.

The strange growth has been photographed by Merrill with entire success, enlarged in the first instance five times, and later by forty diameters, and the weird features were shown in each case even more sharply than in the natural wood. On assuring our English correspondent that the buds were not to be found on Gallows Hill nor in its neighborhood, the suggestion was made that the grounds of the so-called "Witch House" might have produced them, but no authority has been found for this conjecture. In order to guard against the possibility that the gruesome appearance might have been artificially produced, the twig was submitted to a protracted inspection at the Gray Herbarium, and the verdict there arrived at, after an examination which extended into the winter months, was that the buds had not been manipulated in any way, but that they were in their natural state,—that they were the product of a not uncommon variety of poplar,—and that the reason why the strange freak of nature had not been before noticed was, that it only appeared at a season just after the fall of the leaf in the early winter, when the forests are little frequented by close observers of such phenomena.

Since last summer the Essex Institute has been considering, through a select Committee and through a somewhat extended correspondence, whether it would be possible to commemorate the Centenary of Hawthorne's birth in Salem in a way sufficiently satisfactory to warrant the Institute in becoming responsible for the success of the undertaking. Such a course has been found practicable. An exhibit of Hawthorne souvenirs is proposed. A meeting of members of the Institute and their friends will be called for the afternoon of June 23rd, at the Cadet Armory, where a critical estimate of the genius of our distinguished townsman will be presented by Samuel M. Crothers, Pastor of the First

Church at Cambridge. Miss Hildegard Hawthorne will be present. His honor, the Mayor of Salem, has accepted an invitation to preside. Expressions of interest and appreciation from writers of eminence in both Hemispheres will be presented, and the proceedings will be printed in a memorial volume.

In the death of Richard Clarke Manning, a cousin of Hawthorne, the Institute parts with one of the earliest and most constant of its supporters. Its Board of Directors have, by vote, placed some words upon their records in token of their appreciation and regret.

It has been thought expedient to designate and empower certain officers who shall, under due restrictions, be able to execute deeds in the name of the Essex Institute, without the dilatory and cumbersome process of recurrence, in each case, to a special vote of the Society. Notice of a proposed amendment of the By-Laws, intended to effect this purpose, has been duly submitted in writing at a previous meeting, and the Amendment will be in order for final action at the present meeting.

ADDENDUM:

BEING A TRANSCRIPT FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PROVINCIAL
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Wednesday

July 17th 1776

Present in Council —

Hon^{ble} Benj^a Greenleaf Hon^{ble} Sam^l Holten Hon^{ble} Benj^a
Austin

Caleb Cushing	Jabez Fisher	Henry Gardner
Rich ^d Derby	Moses Gill	Eben ^r Thayer
Thomas Cushing	John Taylor	Dan ^l Davis
John Whetcomb	Benj ^a White	Dan ^l Hopkins
Eldad Taylor Esq ^r	Will ^m Phillips Esq ^r	Francis Dana Esq ^r

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The Committee to whom was refer'd, to take under Consideration what way Manner & form, the Declaration of the Continental Congress shou'd be made Publick—Report that the said Declaration be proclaim'd by the Sherrieff of the County of Suffolk, from the Balcony of the State House in

Boston, on Thursday Next at One OClock P M—in Presence of & under Direction of a Committee of Council to be appoint^d for that purpose, that the Representatives, Magistrates, Ministers & Selectmen of the said Town, & Other Gentlemen, the Comission Officers of the Continen^t Army, stationed in Boston, Also of the Militia of Boston & of the Colonial Regments there, be desired to meet at y^e Council Chamber at that time, and that the Militia of the Town of Boston, & such of the Contint^l Army, & of the Colonial Regiments as can be spared from Duty, be drawn Up in, State Street at y^e same time— And that the s^d Declaration be printed & a Coppy sent to the Ministers of every Parish, of every Denomination within this State, and that they severally be required to read the same to their respective Congregations, as soon as divine Service is Concluded in the Afternoon, of the first Lords Day, After they shall have receiv'd it, and After such Publication thereof to deliver the said Declaration to the Clerks of their respective Towns or Districts, who are hereby required to record the same in their respective Town or District Books, there to remain as a perpetual Memorial thereof.—That the Comittee of Council who shall be Appointed for the Abovementioned Purpose, be Impower'd to direct the Other proceedings relative to said Proclamation, in such Manner as they shall Judge proper—By Order of y^e Council

Richard Derby Jun^r Presid^t—

On Motion Ordered that James Bowdoin, Artemas Ward, Richard Derby, Thomas Cushing, John Winthrop, Mosses Gill, Will^m Phillips Benj^a Austin & Francis Dana Esq^{rs} be a Committee to repair to Boston, to direct the Manner relative to the Proclaiming the Declaration of Congress—

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

In addition to the regular administrative routine, which unfortunately does not effectively contribute to the interest of an annual report, the activities of the past year have been largely devoted to the publication of the Vital Records of Essex County towns, and the further classification and mounting of manuscripts.

The Institute has compiled and published the Births, Marriages and Deaths at Manchester, making a volume of two hundred and ninety-six pages, and also Marblehead Vital Records, Volume I, containing Births only, a volume of five hundred and sixty-four pages. The manuscript copy for the second volume, containing Marriages and Deaths, has been completed and is ready for the printer. The compilation of the Vital Records of Wenham has also been finished and a considerable amount of work has been done on the records of Lynn, Saugus and Lynnfield. Three copyists have been constantly employed since April of last year.

The town records of Marblehead were found to be very incomplete. The town was incorporated in 1649 and for the period covering the next one hundred and fifty-seven years, only one hundred and twenty-eight deaths were recorded by the town clerk, less than one death each year, notwithstanding the fact that the population of the town during much of that time was in excess of four thousand and for a considerable period before the time of the Revolution its population was greater than that of Salem. Before printing, these incomplete records were largely supplemented by church records, cemetery inscriptions, and court records in the custody of the clerk of courts, together with numerous family Bible records found in private hands, the latter information having been obtained by correspondence and reading notices in the Marblehead

and Salem newspapers. Even the records of Philanthropic Lodge of Freemasons contributed in the general search. Similar efforts are made at every town in which the work is being done. Much valuable assistance has been freely given by Messrs. C. B. Tillinghast, Henry E. Woods and William Prescott Greenlaw, of Boston; Mr. Alfred S. Jewett, of Manchester; Messrs. Nathan P. Sanborn, William T. Litchman and Daniel Appleton, of Marblehead; Mr. Wellington Pool, of Wenham; Hon. Howard K. Sanderson, of Lynn, and many others—too long a list of names, by far, to mention at this time. The Institute is under obligations as well to Mr. Joseph W. Atwill, the City Clerk at Lynn, for a manuscript copy of the records, and to the Friends' Society at Lynn, for permission to copy the unique and invaluable records in their custody.

In connection with the publication of Vital Records as lately inaugurated by the New England Historic-Genaealogical Society, it is interesting to note that the Essex Institute proposed a somewhat similar undertaking nearly fifty years ago. At a meeting held December 26, 1856,* Mr. Charles M. Endicott made extended remarks on the subject of genealogy and the preservation of records and closed by offering the following preamble and resolution:

“WHEREAS, there is a strong and decidedly increasing desire prevalent in this community, and throughout New England, to look into our early emigrant ancestry—And,

Whereas, in the opinion of this Society the promotion of such an object is conducive of the greatest moral and practical good; and that it is highly desirable that the personal history of all the early New England settlers, and the genealogies of their families, as far as practicable, should be accurately traced out—And,

Whereas, this can only be done by consulting the records of the several towns and parishes throughout the State; and great inconvenience is often experienced and expense incurred in travelling from town to town to inspect such records,—so much so that few can find time to devote to

*Essex Institute Proceedings, Vol. II, pp. 81-91.

it, and many who cannot afford to incur the expense occasioned thereby, are thus discouraged from the undertaking,—

Therefore, this Society deem it of the highest importance that some method should be devised whereby those Records can be concentrated, and thus made more easily accessible and available for purposes of consultation. It is therefore

Resolved, that this Society, whose design is the promotion of our local history, as well as an advancement of science, in order to aid the objects herein set forth, petition the Legislature of this State, at its ensuing session, for an appropriation to defray the expense of procuring copies of the Records of marriages, births, baptisms and deaths from the several towns and parishes throughout the State, from the earliest settlement down to the year 1850; and that the same be deposited in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth at Boston, to be open to the inspection of all persons in search of this particular kind of information."

The resolution was adopted and other Historical Societies were invited to coöperate with the Institute in bringing the proposition to the attention of the Legislature. But the time was not ripe for so extensive an undertaking and nothing was accomplished. The State at last has recognized the necessity for immediate action in preserving our public records and at the present time the Vital Records of more than thirty-five Massachusetts towns have been printed and thereby perpetuated for all time, and in a few years the vital records of every city and town in the State will have been thus preserved.

The accumulation of manuscripts in the first floor fire-proof is rapidly being digested and made available for use. Fifty-one folio volumes have been mounted during the year, including Civil War manuscripts, Kimball Family Papers, manuscripts relating to Salem shipping and commerce, and other smaller collections. Additional broadsides, portraits, and photographs have been mounted and arranged in portfolios.

The collection of Civil War Patriotic Envelopes numbering nearly seven thousand different examples:—flags,

portraits, caricatures, seals, figures, etc., etc., has been classified and mounted in folio volumes, while duplicates numbering some eight thousand or more are available for exchange.

The membership of the Institute on May 1, 1904, was seven hundred and nineteen in number, consisting of six hundred and twenty-three active members, twenty-six life members and fifty-seven upon the corresponding list.

During the year twenty-six members have died, thirteen active members have been elected, and nine have withdrawn from membership.

Donations have been made to the Cabinet Collections by seventy different persons. Some of the more notable gifts should be mentioned. An old portrait of Colonel Benjamin Pickman (1708-1778) by Greenwood, presented by Dr. Hersey Derby Pickman, Surgeon-General of Montana. Jewelry and early silver watches of Dutch and English make given by Mr. Henry F. Waters, together with a number of very fine and valuable snuff boxes placed on deposit. A dinner plate used at the banquet given in honor of George Washington on the occasion of his visit to Salem in 1789; also, articles of clothing from China and Manilla and a silk parasol with a remarkably fine carved ivory handle, brought from China in 1821 by Mrs. James Chever, wife of Captain Chever, who commanded the famous privateer *America*. Miss Marian Devereux, Colonel Charles L. Peirson, and the President of the Institute have contributed interesting and valuable autograph letters.

Sixteen thousand one hundred and forty-one persons have visited the Museum. Considerable labelling and rearranging has been done.

In connection with the Free Course of Lectures the experiment was tried of reserving certain seats in the Hall until ten minutes before the hour announced for the lecture, tickets securing such seats being issued to members of the Institute upon application to the Secretary. The plan has been most successful, only three complaints coming to the attention of the Secretary and these were due to a misapprehension of the regulations necessarily con-

trolling the distribution of tickets and the seating at the Hall.

The public lectures, as in recent years, were given in Academy Hall, the Trustees in charge coöperating with the Institute. Nine lectures were given in the Free Course. Seven evenings were occupied by Home Meetings, at which refreshments were served. The attendance of members at the Home Meetings was much larger than in former years.

The Free Lecture Course was as follows :—

1903.

- Nov. 9.—Mr. William W. Ellsworth, Secretary of the Century Company, New York City, an illustrated lecture on "Capt. John Smith and old Virginia."
- Nov. 23.—Col. Thomas Wentworth Higginson, of Cambridge, on "The Sunny Side of the Transcendental Period."
- Dec. 7.—Prof. George N. Cross, of Exeter, N. H., an illustrated lecture on "Washington the Beautiful Capital of a Great Nation."
- Dec. 21.—The Rev. Peter H. Goldsmith, of Salem, an illustrated lecture on "Mexico, Old and New."

1904.

- Jan. 4.—The Rev. George Hodges, Dean of the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, on "The Domestic Life of a Mediaeval Monastery."
- Jan. 18.—Mr. Abner C. Goodell, of Salem, an illustrated lecture on "Early Architecture in New England."
- Feb. 1.—Mr. George Francis Dow, of Salem, an illustrated lecture on "The River Agawam, an Essex County Waterway."
- Feb. 15.—Prof. William Lyman Underwood, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, an illustrated lecture on "Mosquitoes."
- Feb. 29.—Mr. Henry Turner Bailey, of North Scituate, Mass., an illustrated lecture on "The Town Beautiful."

The Home Course was as follows :—

1903.

- Dec. 28.—The Rev. George D. Latimer, on "The Russian Church."

1904.

Jan. 11.—Mr. Philip Little, "A Talk on Jamaica."

Jan. 25.—Miss Mary M. Brooks, on "Paper Hangings."

Feb. 8.—Mr. William P. Andrews on "Living Greece."

Feb. 22.—The Rev. Henry Bedinger, "A Sojourn in Tokio."

Mar. 7.—Walter P. Beckwith, Ph. D., on "The Study of History."

Mar. 14.—Mr. E. G. Merrill, on "Photographic Notes."

A field meeting was held at Tuck's Point, West Manchester, in August, on the invitation of the Manchester Historical Society. The attendance was small. In August, 1866, the Institute held a field meeting at Manchester and over eight hundred persons were present. The day of the field meeting seems to have waned.

The attic of Plummer Hall for over a generation has been the resting place for unclassified material belonging to the Institute. During the fall a systematic clearing out was undertaken and a large accumulation of books, pamphlets and papers was removed to the first floor and basement. The newspapers and a few pamphlets yet remain for lack of opportunity to complete the labor of removal before the cold weather. Each book and pamphlet was personally inspected and roughly classified before being taken from the attic. Many interesting items came to light. The most valuable one from the standpoint of the book-market, was a fine copy of Hawthorne's *Celestial Railroad*, the Lowell edition of 1847. The Institute now possesses both the Boston and Lowell editions and also a curious edition in German, printed at Philadelphia.

Three or four years ago while examining the maps preserved in our third floor fireproof, there came to light a water-color representing the landing of the British troops at the Long Wharf in Boston, October 1, 1768. It was painted by Christian Remick and the heraldic device in an upper corner bore a dedicatory shield. The picture was attractive as a museum object and in time was suitably framed and now hangs at the first landing of the front staircase.

In November, 1902, the library of the late W. H. Whit-

more was offered at public auction in Boston and it then appeared that Christian Remick had painted another "Landing of the Troops at Long Wharf," and dedicated it to the Honorable John Hancock, and that still another copy was in the possession of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society. The water-color dedicated to the Honorable John Hancock brought nine hundred dollars when sold to the highest bidder.

. After a time it was decided to remove the Institute's collection of books, pamphlets, etc., that had long reposed in dusty seclusion in the attic of Plummer Hall and then, to the surprise of all interested, another copy of the Remick water-color came to light. It is without a dedication and the drawing and coloring are not as well done as in the other copies. Without doubt it is the original water-color from which the replicas were made. It is in a contemporaneous frame, the lights of old glass with their bulls-eye bubbles, being leaded to accommodate the length of the picture. Thus it appears that the Institute owns two of the four known copies of Christian Remick's interesting and valuable water-color of the landing of the British troops at Long Wharf, Boston.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE FRANCIS DOW,

Secretary.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

The past year has been one of great activity in the library. The regular routine has been steadily followed but all energy has been centered on the work of arranging and cataloging the books. Last June an additional cataloger was employed and with this assistance a much larger number of books has been cataloged than last year. The shelf-listing has kept abreast of the cataloging. A case with capacity for 60,000 cards has been purchased and the value of the card shelf-list as a classed catalog has become more apparent. The total number of cards added during the year is 22,954; of these 15,928 have been added to the catalog,—as compared with 12,000 added last year,—and 7,081 have been added to the shelf-list. This does not represent the large amount of time spent in carefully analyzing the books nor the many entries added to cards already made.

The use of the printed cards furnished by the Library of Congress has been continued and found to be satisfactory in every respect. During the year 8,017 of these cards have been purchased at a cost of \$27.80.

The long hoped for announcement has been made that the United States Superintendent of Documents will furnish to depository libraries printed cards for the United States Public Documents as issued. The first instalment of these cards has been received, our call number has been added and the cards filed in the catalog. These cards used in connection with the Index of Congressional Documents will make available for reference a mass of valuable material. Among the documents which have come in recently are:—an elaborately illustrated monograph on the forests, mountains, rivers, etc. of the Appalachian region; an illustrated report on the Panama canal containing views

along the route; and the report of the architects in charge of the restoration of the White House, containing historical notes with photographs taken during the various stages of the repairs, and beautiful interior views showing the rooms after they were refurnished.

The additions to the library for the year (May, 1903 to May, 1904) have been as follows:—By donation, 1,245 volumes, 1,764 pamphlets, and 3,281 serials; by exchange, 578 volumes, 462 pamphlets, and 1,692 serials; by purchase, 509 volumes, 682 pamphlets, and 37 serials; by subscription, 488 serials; making a total of 2,332 volumes, 2,908 pamphlets, and 5,448 serials.

The donations for the year have been received from 193 individuals, and 128 societies and governmental departments. The exchanges, from 5 individuals and 241 societies of which 116 are foreign; also from editors and publishers.

The manuscript department has received eleven donations from nine persons.

The special collection of books on China and the Chinese has been greatly increased during the year by purchases which have been made from the income of the Elizabeth C. Ward fund established for that purpose. Among these additions were a large number of English Parliamentary Papers and Consular Reports on the government relations of Great Britain with China; dictionaries and treatises on the Chinese language; interesting books of travel which picture the customs and home life of the people; volumes of history describing the Opium war, the Taiping rebellion and the late Boxer trouble; together with a curious volume which was brought from China in 1847 by Admiral Preble, from whose daughter it was purchased by the Essex Institute. This volume contains about 200 outline India ink drawings by a native artist showing the various trades and costumes of the people, and depicting with great vividness the horrible punishments supposed to be inflicted in the infernal regions. The pamphlets of this collection have been put in an inexpensive buckram binding of Imperial yellow with a blue leather label. The whole collection numbering about

1,150 volumes, has been classified, labelled and numbered, and the work of cataloging is nearly completed. Up to this date 2,076 cards have been written for the catalog of the China library and 344 for the shelf-list.

The Essex County special collection has shown marked growth during the year and for lack of space it has become necessary to extend the shelving to the ceiling in order to accommodate all the books (a very inconvenient and undesirable arrangement).

In this connection your attention is once more called to the fact that the Institute wants every book, pamphlet, newspaper, circular and program printed in this County, and will find room for them somewhere. If each member of the Society would bear this in mind and send all such material to us instead of consigning it to the waste-basket or junk dealer it would be of great assistance in the work. A report which to you may seem worthless is perhaps the very one needed to complete our set, or a much worn volume lying hidden in some out of the way corner may prove to be an edition we have long been seeking. Spring is the time when housekeepers dispose of the year's accumulation of such material and upon receipt of a postal we will gladly send for any donations you may care to make.

The condition of the reading room is about the same as last year. There are 156 periodicals currently received, of which 60 are historical and 66 scientific. There are 44 current newspapers on file of which 34 are published in the County.

Some of the earliest files of newspapers on our shelves have been rebound in canvas which is clean to handle and wears well. A considerable sum of money is needed to rebind our old files of newspapers but at present it is only possible to bind a few each year.

As this year brings the centennial of the birth of Nathaniel Hawthorne it will be of interest to know that the library contains nearly all of the first editions of his works (many of which are rare) with the exception of Fanshawe, —written while he was a student at Bowdoin college, and of which all but a few copies were destroyed by the author, and Peter Parley's Universal History,—which

was not generally known to have been written by Hawthorne until within a few years. It is much to be regretted that the Essex Institute, situated in a city so closely connected with Hawthorne does not possess one of his autograph letters.

A few of the more rare of the first editions which the library contains are :—The Celestial Railroad, printed in Boston in 1843 and another edition printed in Lowell in 1847. This is a story of an imaginary journey from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City.

The Sister Years : the Carrier's Address to the Patrons of the Salem Gazette for January, 1839.

The Gentle Boy : a Thrice Told Tale. This contains an engraved frontispiece drawn by Sophia Amelia Peabody who afterwards became Mrs. Hawthorne.

Time's Portraiture : the Carrier's Address to the Patrons of the Salem Gazette and Essex County Mercury, for 1853. This was first issued as a broadside in 1838. It is extremely rare in this form and has never been offered for sale at a public auction. Among other old Salem families the author mentions the Hathornes to which the printer has added the following foot note :—“ Not ‘ *Hawthorne* ’,—as one of the present representatives of the family has seen fit to transmogrify a good old name. However, Time seldom has occasion to mention the gentleman's name, so that it is no great matter how he spells or pronounces it.” The Printer's Devil evidently did not agree to this for he has taken the liberty to add :—[An author has a right to say what he will, about himself ; but we guess he'll find that Time will have a good deal to say about him,— and more fifty years hence than now.]

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE G. WATERS,

Librarian.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

INCOME.

Balance from last Report,		\$387 45
Income, General Fund,	\$4,685 11	
Less taxes, insurance, repairs, Texas, Arkansas, and Beverly lands; insurance fund, accrued interest, etc.,	1,313 91	
	<u>5,371 20</u>	
Income, Permanent Fund,	\$3,953 84	
Less accrued interest,	45 83	
	<u>3,908 01</u>	
Income, Temporary Funds,	25 30	
Assessment of members,	1,704 00	
	<u>11,018 51</u>	
Sales of Publications, etc.,		5,363 05
		<u><u>\$16,382 01</u></u>

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries,	\$4,940 40	
Extra Labor,	312 42	
Fuel,	313 25	
Light and Water,	91 61	
Postage and Express,	303 83	
Supplies,	223 05	
Furniture and Fixtures,	197 29	
Repairs,	122 70	
Library, Periodicals, etc.,	516 74	
Publications and Printing,	5,638 21	
Binding,	494 33	
Annual Meeting, Expenses,	85 55	
Lecture Courses, Expenses,	386 64	
Annuities,	610 00	
Chinese Library, Books,	572 43	
Care of Very Burial Lot,	1 00	
Committee on Authenticity of First Meeting House,	15 00	
Salem Athenaeum Expenses,	341 89	
	<u>\$15,057 24</u>	
Appropriation for repair of "Very House Memorial" trans- ferred to Temporary Fund,		1,400 00
Balance of Cash on hand,		511 77
		<u><u>\$16,969 01</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM O. CHAPMAN,
Treasurer.

Salem, May 2, 1904.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SALEM, MAY 2, 1904.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ESSEX INSTITUTE :

Your Finance Committee has examined the securities and accounts in the hands of the Treasurer, as provided for in the By-laws. The books appear to be carefully kept, and the expenditures properly vouched. The securities examined were according to the books submitted by the Treasurer. The annual report of the Treasurer has been examined and is hereby certified to be correct.

ROBERT S. RANTOUL, *Chairman,*
for the Finance Committee.

NECROLOGY OF MEMBERS.

HERBERT BAXTER ADAMS of Baltimore, Md., a corresponding member, died July 30, 1901.

WILLIAM SUMNER APPLETON of Boston, Mass., a corresponding member, died April 28, 1903.

NATHAN A. BACHELDER of Salem, Mass., was elected a member April 16, 1894 and died September 2, 1903.

GEORGE BOWKER of Salem, Mass., was elected a member July 6, 1864 and died May 31, 1903.

DR. CHARLES A. BUXTON of Salem, Mass., was elected a member June 20, 1882 and died November 21, 1903.

GUY WETMORE CARYLL of Swampscott, Mass., was elected a member November 3, 1902 and died April 1, 1904.

JOSEPH H. CHADWICK of Boston, Mass., was elected a member January 21, 1895 and died January 3, 1902.

PHILIP A. CHASE of Lynn, Mass., was elected a member June 4, 1894 and died December 16, 1903.

WILLIAM F. M. COLLINS of Salem, Mass., was elected a member July 3, 1899 and died April 8, 1904.

JOSEPH F. DANE of Salem, Mass., was elected a member September 16, 1857 and died August 17, 1903.

EDWARD A. DRIVER of Chicago, Ill., was elected a member July 1, 1895 and died March 5, 1904.

CHARLES B. FARLEY of Peabody, Mass., was elected a member September 4, 1894 and died June 18, 1903.

CHARLES W. GALLOUPE of Swampscott, Mass., was elected a member December 7, 1894 and died November 28, 1903.

MRS. LOUISA B. GASTON of Boston, Mass., was elected a member October 18, 1897 and died March 24, 1903.

DR. WILLIAM R. HAYDEN of Bedford Springs, Mass., was elected a member September 3, 1895 and died in April, 1903.

MISS HARRIET M. KING of Salem, Mass., was elected a member July 27, 1893 and died April 28, 1904.

EDWARD H. KNIGHT of Salem, Mass., was elected a member March 6, 1865 and died October 19, 1903.

RICHARD C. MANNING of Salem, Mass., was elected a member March 26, 1851 and died March 2, 1904.

THOMAS PERKINS of Salem, Mass., was elected a member July 19, 1886 and died December 22, 1903.

SAMUEL ROADS, jr. of Marblehead, Mass., was elected a member March 6, 1899 and died January 28, 1904.

CYRUS SARGEANT of Plymouth, N. H., was elected a member May 17, 1897 and died July 24, 1902.

MISS MARY P. ROPES of Salem, Mass., was elected a member July 3, 1893 and died September 29, 1903.

GEORGE A. SHEPARD of Salem, Mass., was elected a member June 9, 1887 and died April 28, 1903.

OWEN B. STONE of Salem, Mass., was elected a member January 16, 1888 and died May 27, 1903.

WILLIAM C. TODD of Atkinson, N. H., was elected a member December 17, 1894 and died June 26, 1904.

MISS MARY E. WEST of Salem, Mass., was elected a member March 2, 1874 and died April 9, 1904.

RICHARD CLARKE MANNING.

The following words were entered on the Records of the Essex Institute by vote of the Board of Directors at a meeting held March 7, 1904 :

The Directors of the Institute have wished to place on their Records an expression of their sense of loss at the death of Richard Clarke Manning. It seemed fitting to do this, since Mr. Manning was one of the earliest and most steadfast friends this Body ever had. Born in 1880, he became, at the age of twenty-one years, a member of the Institute, then only three years formed and struggling for existence, and needing the devoted service of just such young men as he. There was much in Mr. Manning to which the new organization appealed. He was actively interested in pomology, inspired by his father's successes in that pursuit in which they experimented together in the old ancestral garden at North Fields. He was interested deeply in the antiquities and local history of this section, by reason of the ancient lineage from which he traced his honorable descent, and he claimed a share, through ties of blood, in the literary traditions then taking form about the name of Hawthorne.

The promise of service to the Essex Institute given in Mr. Manning's early days was well fulfilled. He has not been diverted, by his numerous calls in the interest of



RICHARD CLARKE MANNING.



private business and of other public duties, from his obligations to us. For half a century he has been ready at every call to devote time and effort to our needs. He has filled many of our offices, and has been constant in his attendance. No member will be more missed from our numerous and varied gatherings than he.

Few enterprises of public moment have been undertaken by this community in his day in which he has not borne a creditable part. His neighbors and townsmen saw in him the typical Salem citizen, mindful of all his obligations,—fit to be called on to fill positions of trust and honor. He had a certain moral independence about him which made him admirable, and an instinctive liking for whatever elevates and refines which made him attractive. Of the Founders of this Body he is one of the last to leave us. And the Institute records with a satisfaction mingled with its regret that, for more than thirty years, Mr. Manning has been, in one position or another, a member of its Governing Board.

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LIBRARY.

Donations or exchanges have been received from the following sources :

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Adelaide, Royal Society of South Australia, . . .		5
Agricultural College, Mich.,	1	8
Albany, New York State Library,	22	20
Albuquerque, University of New Mexico,		2
Amherst College,		
Amherst, Massachusetts Agricultural College, . .		22
Andover Theological Seminary,		1
Appleton, Gen. Francis H., Boston,	1	1
Austin, Texas State Historical Association, . . .		4
Averill, Mrs. Martha J., Middleton,		56
Baker, Henry M., Concord, N. H.,		1
Balch, Thomas W., Philadelphia, Pa.,	1	
Baltimore, Maryland Historical Society,		1
Baltimore, Md., Johns Hopkins University, . .		12
Baltimore, Md., Peabody Institute,		1
Bangor (Me.) Theological Seminary,		2
Barnes, Thomas F., New York, N. Y.,		4
Basel, Naturforschende Gesellschaft,		2
Batavia, K. N. Vereeniging in Nederlandsch-Indie,		1
Batchelder, Henry M., Salem,		5
Batchelder, Warren, Salem,	7	
Beckwith, Walter P., Salem,		1
Belden, James J., Syracuse, N. Y.,	1	
Benjamin, Miss Louise, Winthrop, Me.,		1
Bergens Museum,		5
Berkeley, University of California,		19
Berlin, Gesellschaft Naturforschende Freunde, . .		1
Berlin, K. P. Akademie der Wissenschaften, . .		31
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Berry, John M., Millbury,	Circulars,	1
Berwick (Eng.) Naturalists' Field Club,		1
Beveridge, Albert J., Indianapolis, Ind.,		1
Beverly City Clerk,	1	
Blakiston's Son & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.,		5
Bordeaux, Académie Nationale des Sciences, Belles Lettres et Arts,		1
Boston, American Academy of Arts and Sciences,		26
Boston, American Congregational Association,	1	1
Boston, Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts,		1
Boston, Appalachian Mountain Club,		2
Boston Art Club,		2
Boston Athenæum,	2	
Boston Board of Health,	Circulars,	10
Boston Book Company,		5
Boston, Bunker Hill Monument Association,	1	
Boston City Hospital,		1
Boston, City of,	5	
Boston, Commissioner of Public Records,	2	
Boston, Home Market Club,		1
Boston, Industrial Aid Society for Prevention of Pauperism,		1
Boston, Massachusetts Charitable Mechanics' Association,		1
Boston, Massachusetts General Hospital,		2
Boston, Massachusetts Historical Society,	2	
Boston, Massachusetts Horticultural Society,		2
Boston, Massachusetts Institute of Technology,		4
Boston, Massachusetts Medical Society,		2
Boston, Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descend- ants,		2
Boston, Massachusetts Reform Club,		1
Boston, Massachusetts Sons of the Revolution,	1	
Boston, Massachusetts State Board of Agriculture,		7
Boston, Massachusetts State Board of Health,		52
Boston, Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps,	1	
Boston, Museum of Fine Arts,		8
Boston, National Educational Association,	1	4
Boston, New England Historic Genealogical Society,	135	99
Boston Port and Seamen's Aid Society,		1
Boston Public Library,		14
Boston Record Commissioners,	2	

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Boston, Research Publication Company,		4
Boston Society of Natural History,		8
Boston, Universalist Publishing House,	1	
Boston University,		1
Boston and Maine Railroad,		1
Boulder, University of Colorado,		1
Bowditch, Charles P., Boston,		1
Boxford Town Clerk,		1
Braunschweig, D. Gesellschaft für Anthropologie, Ethnologie und Urgeschichte,		1
Braunschweig, Verein für Naturwissenschaft,		2
Bremen, Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein,		1
Brisbane, Queensland Branch of the Royal Geograph- ical Society of Australia,		1
Brookhouse, Mrs. Arthur, Salem,	11	
Brooklyn (N. Y.) Institute of Arts and Sciences,	1	2
Brooks, The Misses, Salem, Newspapers,		64
Brooks, Horace A., Salem, Circulars,		176
Brooks, John F., Boston,	1	
Brünn, Naturforschender Verein,		2
Brunswick, Me., Bowdoin College,		3
Bruxelles, Académie Royale,		25
Bruxelles, Société Entomologique de Belgique,		2
Bruxelles, Société Royale des Sciences de Liège,		1
Bruxelles, Société Royale Malacologique de Belgique,		1
Buckham, Rev. John W., Berkeley, Cal.,		29
Buenos Aires, Sociedad Científica Argentina,		13
Buffalo (N. Y.) Historical Society,		1
Buffalo (N. Y.) Public Library,		1
Buffalo (N. Y.) Society of Natural Sciences,		4
Bullard, Eugene, New Salem, N. H., Newspapers,		1
Burlington, University of Vermont,		1
Burt, Frank M., Mt. Washington, N. H.,		1
Caen, Académie Nationale des Sciences, Arts et Belles- Lettres,		1
Calcutta, Geological Survey of India,		7
Calcutta, Indian Museum,	1	
Caldwell, Miss Lydia, Ipswich,		1
Cambridge (Eng.) Philosophical Society,		3
Cambridge, Librarian of Harvard University,	1	10
Cambridge, Museum of Comparative Zoölogy,	1	12
Carpenter, C. C., Andover,		2
Carroll, Thomas, Peabody,		1

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Chapel Hill, N. C., Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society,		1
Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina,		2
Chapman, Miss Charlotte E., Salem,		2
Chapman, William O., Salem,	19	2
Chapple, Joseph M., Boston,		1
Charleston (S. C.) Historical Society,		4
Charleston, West Virginia Historical and Antiquarian Society,		4
Chelsea, Soldiers' Home,		1
Chemnitz, Naturwissenschaftliche Gesellschaft,		1
Chever, Edward E., San Francisco, Cal.,	1	2
Chever, Miss Sarah A., Melrose Highlands,	2	2
Chicago (Ill.) Field Columbian Museum,		18
Chicago (Ill.) Historical Society,		1
Chicago, Ill., John Crerar Library,		2
Chicago, Ill., Newberry Library,		1
Chicago, Ill., University of,	1	2
Chickering & Sons, Boston,	1	
Christiania, Videnskabs-Selskabet,		1
Cincinnati, Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio,		1
Cincinnati, O., Lloyd Library,		5
Cincinnati (O.) Public Library,	12	
Cincinnati, University of Ohio,		4
Cleveland, Miss Mary, Salem,		1
Colby, William R., jr.,		1
College Hill, Tufts College,		2
Colorado Springs, Colorado College,		1
Columbia, University of Missouri,		5
Columbus, O., Old Northwest Genealogical Society,		3
Conant, William P., Salem,	1	8
Concord, New Hampshire State Library,	4	1
Copenhagen, K. D. Videnskab-Selskabs,		8
Copenhagen, Société Royale des Antiquaires du Nord,		1
Crisp, F. A., London, Eng.,	1	
Cromack, I. C., Boston, Charts.		
Danvers, Order of Red Men,		12
Danvers, Peabody Institute,		1
Danvers Town Clerk,		4
Darmstadt, Verein für Erdkunde,		1
Davis, Andrew McF., Cambridge,		5
Dedham Historical Society,		3

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Des Moines, Iowa Geological Survey,	1	
Detroit (Mich.) Public Library,		1
Doherty, Edward, Marblehead,		2
Dover, New Hampshire Genealogical Society,		4
Dow, George Francis, Topsfield, Newspapers,	28	110
Dresden, Naturwissenschaftliche Gesellschaft "Isis,"		2
Dresden, Verein für Erdkunde,		2
Du Bose, Joel C., Montgomery, Ala.,		1
Dublin, Royal Dublin Society,		7
Dublin, Royal Irish Academy,		11
Edinburgh Royal Society,	8	1
Ellery, Harrison, Charts,		4
Emden, Naturforschende Gesellschaft,		1
Emery, Mary E. B., Lynn,		1
Emilo, E. Victor, Salem, Music.		
Endicott, William C., jr., Danvers, Newspapers,		2
Entwistle, J. C., Salem,	1	
Erlangen, Physikalisch-medicinische Societat,		2
Essex Bar Association,		1
Essex Town Clerk,		1
Exeter, N. H., Phillips Exeter Academy,	1	1
Falmouth, Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Society,		1
Farrell, Hugh F. E., Lynn, Circulars, programs, etc.	2	21
Fay, Charles W., San Francisco, Cal.,	1	
Felt, Charles W., Northboro,		1
Fifield, Miss Ethel F., Salem,		3
Firenze, R. Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale,		13
Firenze, Societa Entomologica Italiana,		1
Fitchburg City Clerk,	1	
Foley, P. K., Boston, Newspapers,	41	35
Folsom, A. A., Boston,	1	1
Foots, Rev. H. L., Marblehead,		1
Foster, Wallace, Indianapolis, Ind., Broad-sides.		
Fribourg, Naturforschende Gesellschaft,		1
Fribourg, Société Fribourgeoise des Sciences Naturelles,		1
Friend, Newspapers.		
Galloupe, Augustus A., Beverly,		1
Gardner, Augustus P., Washington, D. C.,		1
Gilbert, Shepard D., Salem,	4	16
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Gloucester, Cape Ann Scientific and Literary Association,		1

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Granville, O., Denison University,		4
Green, James, Worcester,		1
Green, Dr. Samuel A., Boston, Broadside,	8	23
Greencastle, Ind., De Pauw University,		1
Greenwalt, M. Hallock, Philadelphia, Pa.,		1
Greenlaw, Mrs. Lucy Hall, Sudbury,		1
Gregory, J. J. H., Marblehead,		17
Güstrow, Verein der Freunde der Naturgeschichte,		2
Halifax, Nova Scotian Institute,		1
Halle, Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein für Sachsen und Thüringen,		4
Hamburg, Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein,		2
Hannover, Deutscher Seefischer-Verein,		11
Harbeck, Charles C., Islip, N. Y., Circular.		
Harlem, Musée Teyler,		2
Harlem, Société Hollandaise des Sciences,		3
Harper and Brothers, New York, N. Y.,	1	
Harris, Ralph B., Salem,	52	3
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania State Library,	26	2
Hartford (Conn.) Board of Trade,		1
Hartford, Connecticut Historical Society,		2
Hartford, Connecticut Quarterly Company,		2
Haverhill, City of,	1	
Hayward, Charles H., Salem,	11	
Helena, (Mont.) Public Library,		2
Hewett, Alfred, Toronto, Can.,		1
Hitchings, A. F., Salem,	1	
Hobart, Australian Association for the Advancement of Science,	1	
Hobart, Royal Society of Tasmania,		8
Hodgkins, Mrs. Martha A., East Brookfield, Newspaper.		
Hotchkiss, Miss Susan V., New Haven, Ct., Newspapers.		
Houghton, Michigan Mining School,		1
Howard, Jerome B., Cincinnati, O.,		12
Hubon, William P., Salem,	1	1
Hyde Park Historical Society,		1
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Julien, Matthew C., Ellenville, N. Y.,		1
Kassel, Verein für Naturkunde,		1
Kimball, David P., Boston, Programs.		
Kimball, Frank R. Salem,	1	
Kimball, William T., Lawrence, Programs,	1	
King, Horatio C., Brooklyn, N. Y.,		2
Königsberg, Physikalisch-Ökonomische Gesellschaft, .		1
Lake, Henry W., Topsfield, Map.		
Lamb, F. W., Manchester, N. H.,		2
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Latimer, Rev. George D., Salem,		4
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Little, Thomas F., Program.		
Little, Brown and Company, Boston,		1
Liverpool Biological Society,	1	
Locke, Frank E., Salem,		1.
London Geological Society,		6
London, Royal Geographical Society,		12
London, Royal Society,	2	32
London, Society for Psychical Research,	3	
London Zoological Society,		7
Low, Mrs. Daniel, Salem,		1
Lowell, Old Residents' Historical Association, . .		1
Lund, Kongliga Universitetet,		2
Lynn Board of Trade,		1
Lyon, Miss Mary E., Salem,	1	1
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Madison, Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey,	2	
Madison, Wisconsin State Historical Society,		1
Madrid, Sociedad Española de Historia Natural,		19
Manchester, Rev. Alfred, Salem,		1
Manchester (Eng.) Literary and Philosophical Society,		6
Manchester (Eng.) Museum, Owens College,		8
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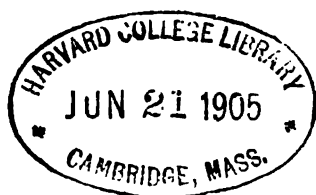
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It is my privilege, and I esteem it a high honor, to be permitted to occupy the Chair this evening, and extend to you greetings, and a warm and hearty welcome upon this annual business festival, if I may so call it.

We are assembled in accordance with the dictate of our Constitution to perform a duty, and to do so in that happy way, which has become our custom, of concluding with a social function, of such pleasant form as will enhance mutual friendship and interest in the prosperity of the Essex Institute.

On the 11th of June 1821, Governor John Brooks approved the Act, which upon the petition of Dr. Edward Augustus Holyoke and others, incorporated The Essex Historical Society; on the 12th of February 1836, Governor Edward Everett approved the Act, which, upon petition of Andrew Nichols, and others, incorporated The Essex County Natural History Society; on the 11th of February 1848, Governor George N. Briggs approved the Act which incorporated our Essex Institute by combining the two Societies previously named, with the right to hold real estate to the amount of \$30,000, and personal estate to the amount of \$20,000, exclusive of books, papers and articles in the Cabinet; on the 12th of February 1870, Governor William Claflin approved the Act which increased the sphere of usefulness of the Institute by including the advancement of the Arts, Literature and Science.

Under Governor Long, the right to hold personal estate was increased to \$100,000; and under Governor Wolcott, the holding right was further increased to personal estate \$200,000, and real estate \$100,000; and now under Chap-

ter 125, Sections 2 and 8 of the Revised Laws, such institutions as this may hold real and personal property to an amount of \$1,500,000 and may receive and hold, in trust or otherwise, funds received by gift or bequest to be devoted to such purposes as those for which this association is incorporated.

I have called your attention thus, in some detail, to the rights given by the State to increase the holdings of property; and especially to the final and recent considerable and voluntary right to increase, as I feel you will agree with me in seeing therein an acknowledgment by this Commonwealth of a great help to the well-being of a State, and consequently a Nation, from such Societies as this and a confession that its usefulness must bear a very direct proportion to the amount of the funds that it has at its command.

A responsibility thus rests with your chosen management to see to it that all property which is given by members and by other friends, is so cared for and applied, that the best possible results shall be realized; I am sure that such responsibility is realized; and that every reasonable effort is being made to secure the best results.

The thought of making donations must be encouraged, but how best to make our needs known is always an important problem.

Givers are encouraged to give by evidences of wisdom and care, in the handling of what has been previously given. This encouragement certainly exists here conspicuously.

Would that, keeping within our proper sphere, we could encourage givers by showing unoccupied room in our library and on its shelves, and by empty floor-space within a museum building. Far from this condition is our position today.

It would be well if another ancient, and typical house of early days should be placed in the keeping of the Institute, so furnished as to clearly represent the early life in Essex County.

It might also be well if a way could be devised by which an early merchant-ship's cabin with furnishings could

be shown, and preserved, to make known, in part, what conditions surrounded those daring, and shrewd ancestors when on ship-board, of whom their descendants are so justly proud.

That which the Institute tries to do, seems called upon to do, and is expected to do, is constantly increasing ; and as time goes on, we should be each year better able to undertake, and accomplish such work, than we were able in each previous year.

We are always limited in our usefulness by the amount of our income derived from present funds, and from special gifts. I do not forget the many kind friends, however, who have freely given and continue to so give, of their knowledge at our lecture courses, and by their valued aid in other useful ways.

Rates of income have decreased with the Institute, as with all endowed institutions, and we need more funds in order that we may creditably keep up the good work, that has been begun ; and be equipped to take up more.

A large membership has been our good fortune ; but we have lately lost quite a number from our roll. May we hope that all of these who can do so will rejoin us and that new faces will come into our ranks of membership, to help or encourage, this work. It is most fitting and desirable that younger blood should join us, ready to take from our hands the duties of guiding the Institute's future destiny, before the older ones are obliged to retire. This is very important. We should take such action as will encourage the younger people to turn to the habit of visiting our rooms more than they now do. Prizes for flower and vegetable gardens ; prizes for photographs of out-door subjects, are a part of the possibilities that might bring favorable results. Salem has as bright and able men and women of all ages as any other part of the country, to come into our ranks, and help us protect, and advance this necessary, and most creditable work. We are a County organization, but largely look to " Old Salem Village " territory for direct help.

When I first took up the reins of office I was interested to examine the conditions throughout the buildings, under

the guidance of our energetic and efficient Secretary and Custodian.

Your property is carefully tended; but the contents of the buildings are far too crowded to have anything like complete usefulness realized. More shelf-room, and floor-space are greatly needed.

Your Directors are studying the question of shelf-room, and are giving the matter of floor-space also their careful thought. Here again we see how money, if in hand, could be well spent.

A small part of the stored away possessions have been given, in turns, a chance to be seen in one of the rooms during the past year, and those exhibits created much interest. Would that we had the opportunity to display much more that the Institute now owns, but lack of floor-space prevents.

However, patience is said to be a virtue, and we must believe that good things on these lines will be duly realized.

You have had a notable year in the Hawthorne celebration, and the Memorial volume is indeed unique and well done. It has already been much praised.

It has been a pleasing feature of my brief term in this office that a member, who was a friend of mine in school days, and ever since, and who is beloved by us all, has given to the Institute in memory of his father and mother, a unique and valuable collection of coins and books relating thereto, to which other references will be made. I refer to Mr. John Robinson's gift.

During the past year a most successful outing was had as a field-day at Andover, and it was exceedingly beneficial and pleasant. One such seemed sufficient for the year. May we be as fortunate in some other part of the County for 1905. It has been suggested that we have a "Bucolic Day" at Ship-Rock where several acres of land have been added to our holding during the year, the better to protect, and promote, our interest there. Armed with forestry implements we could probably do much good there if judiciously guided, perhaps by our State Forester.

We have several Historical, and Natural History Socie-

ties in different parts of the County with which we could undoubtedly arrange to combine in an outing to our mutual advantage.

A new, and I am sure, a helpful feature will be introduced this evening, by which several of our Curators, have kindly prepared themselves to address you in person or by letter and in response to an invitation. We may well thank the Curators in advance, as their words cannot fail to be of interest.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

The work of the Secretary during the past year has been largely connected with the celebration of the Centenary of the birth of Nathaniel Hawthorne, and the editorial duties attendant upon the various publications of the Society. The Hawthorne Centenary is now a part of history. The successful conduct of the undertaking is a matter of such recent memory that little need be said at this time. The account of the proceedings published by the Institute in limited edition and illustrated by every known portrait of Hawthorne has received much favorable comment. Nearly the entire edition has been sold and with such financial return that the volume proves to be the most successful publishing venture undertaken by the Institute in recent years.

In accumulating the interesting collection of Hawthorne memorials which were exhibited during the summer months and also in tracing the portraits which are reproduced in the volume of Proceedings, the pleasure of the search was greatly enhanced by the cordial and oft-times enthusiastic spirit of coöperation manifested on all sides. The Society is indebted to Mr. J. Chester Chamberlain of New York City for the beautiful photogravure portrait of "the Romancer" which is inserted as a frontispiece.

Other editorial work has been upon the Geology of Essex County prepared by Mr. John H. Sears, and to be published by the Institute during the coming summer; also, upon the Vital Records of Essex County towns now being compiled and printed.

Mr. Sear's Geology of the County represents the work of a life-time. It will probably make a printed volume of nearly five hundred pages. A large number of illustrations will be included and the colored outcrop map published with the volume, promises to be the finest map of the kind

ever produced in the country, both in mechanical excellence and in wealth of detail. The publication of such a work by the Institute has been made possible only through the generous coöperation of a good friend of Mr. Sears and of the Society.

A second volume of the Vital Records of Marblehead has been printed, containing the marriages and deaths and completing the vital records of the town, a total number of 1273 printed pages. The Vital Records of Wenham also has been printed, a volume of 227 pages. The work of compiling the records of Lynn is nearly completed and in this connection it is a pleasure to make grateful acknowledgement of the invaluable and enthusiastic assistance rendered by Mr. John Albree, jr., of Swampscott and also the cordial coöperation of the Lynn Historical Society. Work upon the records of Danvers is also nearly finished and a verbatim copy of the Ipswich vital records has been made. Saugus records are ready to be put into type. Lynnfield is nearly finished and a beginning has been made upon Salem.

By a recent vote of the Board of Directors a long cherished project has at last become an actuality. The Bentley Diary is to be printed and a considerable portion of the first volume is already in the hands of the printer. The initial volume will contain about 550 pages, carefully indexed and having such illustrations as may seem desirable. The Diary presents an intimate picture of life in Salem from the close of the Revolutionary War to the time of Dr. Bentley's death in 1819. No similar diary covering this period is known to exist in the country, and in richness of detail and acuteness of observation it excels like records of other times. If it is possible to imagine the diary of a Pepys and a Sewall merged into one, and having a detail and gossipy flavor quite its own, then it is possible to anticipate the pleasure that awaits a perusal of Dr. Bentley's daily jottings of over a century ago.

The index of the first forty volumes of the Historical Collections, to which allusion has been made in a previous report, having been frequently consulted in the reference work of the library and having proved its usefulness,

is now being printed for distribution and sale. When completed the volume probably will contain about one hundred pages.

When the Hawthorne exhibition was dismantled in September the time seemed opportune to exhibit in a more fitting setting, representative examples of the fine collection of paintings and furniture bequeathed to the Institute by the late George Rea Curwen. The exhibition has attracted much attention and its installation indicates in part what may be possible when sufficient space becomes available.

A year ago the Secretary regretted the lack of interest displayed in the old-time field-meeting, suggesting the decay of a former love for nature. The role of a prophet was ever an uncertain avocation and the instant success of the field-meeting held at Andover, last July, disproves the earlier assumption. On invitation from the Andover Natural History Society, the meeting was held in a small grove located about a mile beyond Phillips Academy. Two large electric cars transported nearly one hundred and twenty members of the Institute and their friends, and the occasion was declared by all to be most attractive and worthy of repetition.

Meetings for the study of mushrooms were revived during the Fall and were very largely attended, in fact, on several occasions, the number present exceeded the attendance at many of the lectures in the Home Course. The interest at one of the meetings was greatly enhanced by a demonstration with chafing dishes when five different species of mushrooms were cooked and those who came to scoff, remained, and asked for a second and a third portion. The success of these meetings is largely due to the indefatigable industry and enthusiasm of Mr. Richards B. Mackintosh and Mr. Willis H. Ropes. It is planned to hold other meetings during the coming Fall.

In order that there might be some relief from the frequent interruptions of an enquiring public, the Secretary's desk has been removed to a rear room on the second floor.

The Institute is frequently in receipt of requests for information in relation to our school, but the greater num

ber of those who seek assistance are in search of information in relation to some ancestor. The following letter was received last year and may serve as a type :

FORT SMITH, ARK., May 23, 1904.

ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY,
SALEM, MASS.

Gentlemen : I was told to write you in regards to the history of my ancestors. I wish you would please send me the history of the Ramsays of Ireland and Scotland, I know that one General Ramsay, my mother's great-grandfather, was a brave general, and her name was Ramsay, and she married a man named Jas. Wilson, my father, and there is a large estate awaits her in Ireland if we can prove it up and I hope that you will give me all the information you can as Dr. Baynham of this city referred me to you, and it will be a great help.

Hoping to have your earliest reply, I remain,

Yours very respectfully,

Applications in person of course are frequent. One afternoon a man upon crutches, painfully climbed the stairs and informed the astonished attendant that he had lost his leg a number of years ago and he had come to the Institute to find out when that deplorable event occurred.

The membership of the Institute on May 1, 1905, was 639 in number, consisting of 565 active members, 27 life members, and 57 on the corresponding list. During the year 16 members have died, 20 active members have been elected, 19 have withdrawn from membership, and 65 have been dropped from the roll for non-payment of the annual assessment.

14,082 persons have visited the Museum.

The Public Lectures, as in recent years, have been given in Academy Hall, the Trustees in charge coöperating with the Institute. Nine lectures were given in the Free course. Five of them were illustrated by the new electrical stereoptican lantern which has been purchased by the Lecture Committee. Six evenings were occupied by Home Meetings, at which refreshments were served.

The Free Lecture Course was as follows:—

1904.

- Nov. 7.—Professor Edward S. Morse, Director of the Peabody Academy of Science, "Feudal Japan."
 Nov. 21.—Edwin A. Grosvenor, LL. D., Professor of Modern Government and International Law in Amherst College, "The Diplomacy of the Russo-Japanese War."
 Dec. 5.—Mr. Herbert K. Job of Kent, Conn., author of "Among the Water Fowl," "Bird Hunts with Camera, by Sea and Land."
 Dec. 19.—Mrs. Ellen H. Richards, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "The Cost of Living, How to Control it."

1905.

- Jan. 2.—Mr. Edward H. Chandler, Secretary of the Twentieth Century Club, Boston, "The Improvement of City Life."
 Jan. 16.—Mr. Walter Sargent, Agent of the Massachusetts State Board of Education, "Art Education in the Public Schools."
 Jan. 30.—Mr. Harlan P. Kelsey of Salem, Landscape Architect, "Is Salem in Need of Civic Improvement?"
 Feb. 13.—Mr. Frank Cousins of Salem, "An Hour with Hawthorne."
 Feb. 27.—Mr. Alfred Akerman, Massachusetts State Forester, "Forestry."

The Home Course was as follows:—

1905.

- Jan. 28.—Prof. Edward S. Morse, "Was Central America Peopled from Asia?"
 Feb. 20.—Mr. Ross Turner, "Primitive Art."
 Mar. 6.—Rev. Peter H. Goldsmith, "Old Plantation Days."
 Mar. 20.—Rev. George D. Latimer, "Elizabethian Dramatists."
 Mar. 27.—Mr. John Albree, jr., of Swampscott, "A Union Spy: her Experiences and her Correspondents."

Apr. 3.—Mr. William D. Dennis, "Some Old Salem Organizations."

Mr. John Robinson has presented to the Institute, as a memorial to his father and mother, a collection of Chinese and oriental coins representing the accumulations of a lifetime. There are 2,077 different coins and about the same number of miscellaneous cash and amulets, the whole representing the coinage of the various countries with which the old-time Salem ship-masters traded and from which the "Grand Turk," the "Three Friends," the "Black Warrior," and many other noted ships, brought the rich cargoes of spices, teas and silks that have made Salem famous. By the stipulation of the giver this memorial is to be preserved in the Ward Memorial room in juxtaposition with that rapidly increasing collection of books relating to China. In point of number and variety this collection of oriental coins is excelled by only three or four other collections in the country.

Mr. Robinson has also presented 142 volumes relating to oriental numismatics, several of them of great rarity.

Gifts have been made to the Cabinet Collection by thirty-nine donors. Mrs. E. O. P. Sturgis has given several pieces of cut-glass and china, and from Dr. W. W. Eaton of Danvers was received a small oil painting showing Essex street, Salem, about the year 1880. The point of view is what is now Town House square and the trees in front of the Pickman mansion are to be seen in the distance. A stage coach is approaching and Deputy Sheriff Daniel Dutch, cane in hand, is crossing the street in front of the First Meeting-House.

Until the present year the Institute has not possessed an autograph letter of Nathaniel Hawthorne. By the generous courtesy of Mr. S. H. Wakeman of New York City, we now own a fine letter written to the Postmaster at Thomaston, Maine.

It reads as follows:—

SALEM, March 15, 1838.

Sir: I was a particular friend of the late lamented Mr. Cilley; and the Editor of the Democratic Review has re-

quested me to write a biographical sketch of him for that publication. As it might appear indelicate in a stranger to intrude upon his family, I have been induced to apply to you, in the hope that you will have it in your power to favor me with a few facts respecting his life. In regard to his early life, I can obtain information from other sources, and will trouble you merely for a brief account of the incidents which occurred during his residence in Thomaston. The date of his marriage—his wife's name and parentage—his character and success as a lawyer—his entrance into political life, etc.—these are the principal topics on which information appears desirable.

I trust you will excuse the liberty which I have taken ; and if inconvenient for you to comply with my request, please to hand this letter to some relative or friend of Mr. Cilley. As I have but a short time in which to prepare the biographical sketch, it will be necessary that any information should be sent me within two or three days after the receipt of this letter.

Your obt. Servant,
NATH^L HAWTHORNE,
Salem, Mass.

Seven years ago when an arrangement of the papers in the manuscript fire-proof was begun, two large scrap-books came to light containing correspondence and documents formerly belonging to the Rev. John Cleaveland of Chebacco Parish, now the town of Essex. The first book was labelled "Vol. I." and the second "Vol. III." Prolonged search failed to unearth the second volume.

Rev. John Cleaveland was a noted man in his day. For fifty-two years he was minister at Chebacco. In 1758 he was chaplain of a regiment in Ticonderoga and the following year he was with the expedition against Louisburg. His sea-chest taken with him at that time, is now preserved by the Institute. In 1775 he was with the Revolutionary army at Cambridge and the following year he ministered to his regiment in Connecticut and New York. The reverend gentleman was a very energetic man and at one time waged a lengthy theological controversy with Dr. Mayhew of Boston.

These Cleaveland papers in our fire-proof at one time having been in the custody of Dr. Nehemiah Cleaveland of Topsfield, as appeared from a note inserted, an effort was made by correspondence to trace the missing volume but without success. Three or four years passed away and one day a lady who was spending the summer months at Baker's Island visited the museum and by merest chance she was engaged in conversation. It developed that she was a descendant of the Rev. John Cleaveland of Chebacco, and upon inquiry it appeared that the missing volume of manuscripts had long been in her possession. She did not wish to part with the volume at that time. On July 1, 1904, a package arrived by express and upon being opened, was found to contain the missing volume. Through the courtesy and generosity of Mrs. L. P. C. Child of Utica, N. Y., the three volumes now stand side by side in the fire-proof of the Essex Institute, never more to be separated.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE FRANCIS DOW,

Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

During the past twelve months 2,399 volumes and 10,409 pamphlets have been added to the library and the routine work has been carried on. The most notable gift of the year was the collection of 150 volumes on numismatics presented by Mr. John Robinson in connection with his gift to the museum of his large collection of oriental coins. This is a good reference library for the collector and is cataloged and available for consultation at any time. It is particularly strong in works on the coinage of oriental countries,—China, Japan, Corea, and Annam being practically complete,—and includes the most important of those relating to English coins. Mr. Lawrence W. Jenkins has presented about fifty volumes on astrology, palmistry, and the occult sciences, which supplement the special collection on witchcraft.

Of the accessions to the manuscript department the largest was a trunk full of correspondence and miscellaneous papers of Andrew Dunlap, who was born in Salem in 1794 and died here in 1835. A distinguished lawyer, he was United States district attorney for Massachusetts for many years, and was the prosecuting attorney at the trial of the pirates who captured the brig Mexican of this city. He was an intimate friend of President Jackson and was active in political affairs. The collection of log-books of Salem vessels, now numbering 894, has received numerous additions, many of which antedate the Revolution. In this connection the Institute is especially indebted to Mr. George H. Allen, who is greatly interested in Salem's marine history.

For the first time in the history of the Society, a Book Committee has been appointed to purchase books for the library. This committee consists of Mr. Thomas Carroll,—a valued member because of his long service on a simi-

lar committee of the Peabody Institute,—the Secretary, and the Librarian. The purchases of the year have been along the following lines:—additions to the Essex County collection,—to the Ward Memorial library of books relating to China,—to the local histories and genealogies,—and to the bibliographies and reference books in the cataloging room. We have been very fortunate in having an opportunity to purchase seven hundred numbers of the Boston Evening Post ranging in date from 1752 to 1775. These, with the numbers already in our possession, comprise a nearly complete file for these years, which are of great value and seldom offered for sale. They have been carefully repaired, interleaved with white paper to protect the edges, and put in canvas bindings.

The principal work of the year has been on the catalog and the preparation of a shelf-list on cards. The following classes are now cataloged:—New England local history; biography, both individual and collected; genealogy; Ward Memorial library; log-books; witchcraft; numismatics; directories; and rare books in the fire-proof. The Essex County collection is about four-fifths done, and a large number of the publications of the United States government have been cataloged. During the year 19,306 cards have been added to the catalog and 6,299 to the shelf-list, making a total of 25,605 cards written. There are now 15,097 cards in the shelf-list and 55,588 cards in the catalog. It has become necessary to purchase another sixty-tray case.

The cataloging force has been concentrated in the room formerly used as a reading room, which is light and convenient. The reference books used as working tools have been placed here, and the card shelf-list has been moved into this room.

There has been little change in the library staff during the year. One cataloger has left to take a similar position in the Buffalo Public Library. Two of the assistants have been taking a course in cataloging and are now doing good work in that department. It gives me pleasure to acknowledge the interest and enthusiasm with which all of the members of the staff have coöperated in the work of the library.

Mr. William P. Upham in a recent letter says: "It gives me pleasure to know that in the present management of the Library the arrangement according to the Dewey classification, adopted by me as Librarian when the books were transferred to the Daland Building in 1887, has been adhered to and found very useful and, as I understand, indispensable."

Work in building up the Essex County collection has not been relaxed and many early imprints have been secured. The most valuable of these was a copy of Hawthorne's "Fanshawe," one of the rarest of the Hawthorne items. Less than twenty-five copies are known to exist, the rest of the edition having been destroyed by the author. This was a fairly clean copy with original covers and has been placed in a solander case of blue morocco made by Bradstreet. The Institute collection of Hawthorne first editions now lacks only "Peter Parley's Universal History," which sells for over \$100,—and the almost unattainable "Samuel Johnson—The Sunday School Society's Gift," published in Boston in 1842, of which only two copies are known to exist. One year ago we little expected to own a "Fanshawe" at this time. Let us hope that the coming year may bring the library the two remaining items.

Many of the Essex County newspapers require additions to complete the sets and it is especially desired to complete the Salem newspapers. The Salem Gazette, Register, and Observer, are practically complete but there are a large number of papers which were published only a few years such as the Salem Sun, Salem Post and the Telegram, of which we lack many numbers. It may be that some of the members have these very papers stowed away under the eaves in the attic (we have unbounded faith in Salem attics) and it is hoped that all will assist in this plan of having complete files of every Salem paper available for consultation.

I presume that many of you have been annoyed by the difficulty of finding some article in the daily paper to which you may wish to refer after an interval of weeks or perhaps months and have wasted much time in the search. In this connection you should remember that the Institute

has a very full index to the Salem Gazette and the Salem Register. We also have 63 volumes of biographical clippings and obituary notices with an index which is nearly completed.

More room is urgently needed and your attention is again called to the crowded condition of the building. It has been necessary to move the English history section to allow for the continued growth of the American local history division, and temporary shelving has been built to accommodate the books of travel and description. Some of the less frequently consulted books are stored in packing cases in the basement and the only remaining available space is on the floor.

There has been an increase in the number of visitors to the Library during the year and with a view to further encouragement of this, a slip containing a list of the more recent accessions has been sent to each member. The reading and study rooms are light, quiet and attractive, the shelves are open to readers, and attendants are ready to offer personal assistance to students to a larger extent than is possible in most libraries. The members should avail themselves more generally of the privileges of the library so that its usefulness may keep pace with its growth.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE G. WATERS,
Librarian.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

INCOME.

Balance from last Report,		\$511 77
Income, General Fund,	\$7,552 16	
Less taxes, insurance, repairs on Texas, Arkansas and Beverly real estate,	871 86	
Accrued Interest,	3 19	
Transferred to Investments, Insurance Fund,	400 00	
	<u>1,275 05</u>	
	6,277 11	
Income, Permanent Fund,	4,053 15	
Income, Temporary Fund,	45 80	
Assessment of Members,	1,710 00	
	<u>12,086 06</u>	
Sales of Publications, Duplicate Books, &c.,		985 33
Contribution for Hawthorne Centenary,		125 00
Income from Very House Memorial,		102 75
Income from China Library Room Fund,		63 16
Return of Loan from Very House Memorial,		1,400 00
		<u>\$15,274 07</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries,	\$5,411 13	
Extra Labor,	372 04	
Fuel,	380 25	
Light and Water,	90 02	
Postage and Express,	347 81	
Supplies,	251 29	
Furniture and Fixtures,	464 46	
Repairs,	266 45	
Library, Periodicals, etc.,	1,259 96	
Publications and Printing,	1,099 82	
Binding,	436 45	
Annual Meeting Expenses,	95 91	
Lecture Course Expenses, including Stereopticon,	680 04	
Annuities,	610 00	
China Library Books,	656 14	
Care of Very Burial Lot,	33 00	
Natural History and Horticultural Objects,	66 15	
Salem Athenæum Expenses,	247 51	
	<u>\$12,773 42</u>	
Hawthorne Centenary and "Proceedings,"		910 88
Very House Memorial Repairs,		25 25
China Library Room Fund,		63 16
		<u>\$13,772 71</u>
Balance of cash on hand,		1,501 36
		<u>\$15,274 07</u>

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM O. CHAPMAN,
Treasurer.

Salem, May 1, 1905.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SALEM, MAY 1, 1905.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ESSEX INSTITUTE :

Your Finance Committee has examined the securities and accounts in the hands of the Treasurer, as provided for in the By-laws. The books appear to be carefully kept, and the expenditures properly vouched. The securities examined were according to the books submitted by the Treasurer. The annual report of the Treasurer has been examined and is hereby certified to be correct.

FRANCIS HENRY APPLETON, *Chairman,*
for the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE CURATOR OF SCIENCE.

When the Natural History Collections of the Essex Institute were transferred to the care of the Peabody Academy of Science they were at once placed on exhibition in cases specially prepared for them as well as in the original flat mahogany cases in which they were displayed in Plummer Hall. The increase of these collections has received the unremitting attention of every one connected with the Academy since its organization. I may add that special attention has been given to the collections of Essex County and so great has been the increase in these collections that today it would be impossible to find room for them alone in Plummer Hall—which formerly contained not only the Essex County collections but the general natural history collections of the world. The Essex County collections alone now occupy an entire half of the East India Marine Hall.

In this connection a few figures may be given concerning the growth of Essex County and other collections in the Museum since 1867. These, I know will be of interest to the friends of the Institution. To the casual visitor the slow yet steady growth of the collections is hard to realize. The vertical cases in the Museum are seven feet high and each section is nearly three and a half feet wide. The increase of the Essex County collection of minerals and rocks has been from one tray full of objects to twenty-one sections. The mammals, from fourteen specimens to eleven sections, the birds, from 250 specimens to 1125 specimens. The collection of fishes has increased 25 %, the reptiles 20 %, the Essex County plants from 400 sheets to over 4000 sheets. A collection of woods did not exist. We have now twelve sections and fifty feet of horizontal cases. Essex County archæology, from two

sections to twelve sections and from nine feet of horizontal case to sixty feet. The increase of the general collections is as follows : general botany, 25 % added, general archæology, from one section to eleven sections and from four feet of rail-case to fifty feet. Ancient Java monuments, from four objects to eight, Siam, beginning with two objects, now has 167 objects filling three sections. Bolivia, none, now fills two vertical sections, the rest of the South American collections has increased 35 %. Mexico, beginning with one blanket, now fills four sections. North American Indians, from $\frac{1}{2}$ section to ten sections. The South Sea islands and New Guinea collections, in which the old Museum showed its strength, we have nearly doubled. Africa has increased 50 %, occupying seven sections. India has increased 40 %. Japan, from one-half section to 52 sections and nearly one hundred feet of horizontal cases. Korea, none, now fills five vertical sections and ten feet of horizontal cases. China, 60 % added, filling five sections and forty feet of horizontal cases. Yezo, none, and now fills two sections and seven feet of horizontal cases. Malay peninsula, beginning with six objects, now fills one section. Sumatra, beginning with three objects, now occupies two sections. Philippine islands, 80 % added, filling eight sections.

EDWARD S. MORSE,

Curator.

REPORT OF THE CURATOR OF LITERATURE.

As Curator of Literature I wish to report first of all that this collection of books is safe. Anything that gets into the Essex Institute is safe. I defy anyone to get it out.

Your letter asking me to give this report, referred to an increase of shelf-room, so much needed in the library. I find upon consultation with the Librarian that we have about eight thousand volumes that come under the head of literature, that is, biography, fiction, poetry, criticism and essays. Of these, some fifteen hundred works of fiction are stored in the attic, the rest in a room on the third floor. Little if any use is made of these works and I venture to suggest that the disposal of these books by gift and sale be carefully considered. One makes such a suggestion to the Essex Institute with some timidity, realizing the boldness of it.

The interest of the Institute is primarily in Essex County history and historical collections, and secondly, in America. The limited shelf-room ought to be given, so far as needed, to the books that concern the County history and American history. Our library is intended to be and is an historical library.

There are, however, in Salem, two excellent libraries that do supply literature to our townsmen, the Salem Public Library and the Salem Athenæum, with the latter of which the Essex Institute has always stood in close relation. I would suggest, therefore, that the Institute offer to these two libraries such works as they may desire to complete their collections, and that the balance of our department of literature be disposed of at private sale, the proceeds to go to the benefit of our historical collections.

Doubtless there are some literary treasures in our collection it might be well to keep, a few specimen copies.

But old fiction, with certain rare exceptions, is of little value and merely fills the shelves needed for books in present demand. Of the 1500 volumes of fiction there may not be more than fifty it is desirable to keep. The classics in our collection might well find a home in the Salem Athenæum, where such works are naturally collected and occasional use made of them. It would be a generous act for the Essex Institute to contribute what it might so easily give, and to its own advantage, to the other libraries of the city, where the books now unused may be brought into circulation.

As reference has been made to the memorial volume of the Salem Commemoration of the Hawthorne Centenary, I will only say that its excellent appearance and interesting contents reflect much credit upon the Institute.

G. D. LATIMER,
Curator.

REPORT OF THE CURATOR OF ART.

The Essex Institute is fortunate in the possession of a considerable number of oil paintings, many of which are of great merit and value.

Trumbull's portrait of Alexander Hamilton is a very interesting example of his best work. There are two portraits by Copley; one or more by Smybert; a fine oil portrait of Oliver Cromwell, in armor, which may well be assigned to Sir Peter Lely, this picture I consider very valuable and it should be properly hung in a conspicuous place; and very many others.

The present arrangements for exhibiting the pictures to the public are of course very unsuitable. The light is almost invariably poor, the available wall space has long since been exhausted, and a congested and inartistic condition is the inevitable result. If a suitable gallery could be provided a surprisingly good exhibit would be possible and loan exhibits could be easily arranged. As no art gallery exists in Salem, the Institute could thereby foster the educational and artistic taste of the community. Special exhibitions of art objects would be probable. The collection of prints and engravings now packed away in inaccessible boxes and drawers, could be made to contribute to the pleasure of our members and to the visiting public.

Several of the pictures possessed by the Institute were painted during the past fifty years and in order that the coloring may be well preserved it is almost imperative that they should be hung for a time in a direct sunlight. There are also several oil paintings that require restretching and varnishing.

The collection of books relating to art has received but few additions during the last half dozen years. There is

an excellent foundation to build upon, thanks to the fostering interest of the late T. Frank Hunt, but a few standard works of more recent imprint would add greatly to the value of the collection both to the art student and to the cultivated reader. I am pleased to learn from the Librarian that the Art Library is to be catalogued during the coming year.

ROSS TURNER,
Curator.

REPORT OF THE CURATOR OF MANUSCRIPTS.

The undersigned, Curator of Manuscripts, submits the following brief statement of the present condition and needs of that department.

For the last few years the Curator has not been able to take much part in the actual care and management of the manuscript collection. Anything more than a general interest in the work, and an occasional consultation or suggestion as to the best method of preservation and arrangement, has been rendered unnecessary by the devoted labors of our able Secretary, Mr. Dow, who has to a remarkable degree brought order out of chaos in this as in other departments of the Institute.

I had the satisfaction while Librarian and during the first years of my Curatorship, beginning about thirty-five years ago, aided by a fund contributed by friends of the Institute, to do something towards making the then already great and valuable collection available by arrangement, mounting a portion in bound volumes, some thirty in number, and placing a considerable portion in bundles with a descriptive label. What I accomplished was, however, but small in amount in comparison with the great work done lately in this direction by Mr. Dow.

Since the time that I worked on the arrangement of the manuscripts the increase of unarranged and unclassified papers had been so great as in many cases to make it almost impossible to discover any particular manuscript when called for. During the past five years an especial effort has been made to overcome this difficulty and much excellent progress has been made, so that now the entire accumulation has very nearly been arranged. The collection now contains over twelve hundred bound volumes the larger number being folio in size.

I am indebted to Mr. Dow for the following detailed account of the collection as it stands to-day.

ROUGH LIST OF THE ESSEX INSTITUTE MANUSCRIPT
COLLECTION.

Rev. John Cleveland Manuscripts	.	.	6 vols.
Joshua Coffin	"	.	6 "
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Timothy Pickering	"	.	11 "
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Civil War, 78 vols. and a large amount of miscellaneous papers.			
Record books of various organizations,	.		157 vols.
Account books,	.	.	279 "
Miscellaneous papers,	.	.	394 "
Large number MS. sermons arranged and labeled.			

About 5200 photographs and engravings of buildings and views in Essex County cities and towns.

About 8400 miscellaneous broadsides.

About 2700 portraits, photographs and engravings.

About 2300 miscellaneous autograph letters.

About 500 miscellaneous commissions, diplomas, and certificates; also a large mass of unarranged papers.

A trunk of correspondence and miscellaneous papers, formerly the property of Andrew Dunlap, United States District Attorney, under President Jackson, and a prominent member of the Bar in Salem and Boston during the 1810-1835 period.

During the past year a trunk of manuscripts has been received containing the correspondence and papers of the "Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Indians." This is the New England Society founded in 1787 and still in existence. The papers now fill thirteen scrap-books.

Mr. George H. Allen has turned over a trunk of commercial papers, and has been very active in adding to our collection of log books, which now number nearly nine hundred items and over one thousand voyages. The Civil War papers have been arranged and mounted. The collection contains very many valuable lists and documents together with a collection of Civil War envelopes numbering over six thousand different items.

Of course the vast amount of material for historical and genealogical study contained in our collection, perhaps unsurpassed by that of any other historical society, depends for its practical value and usefulness mainly upon suitable catalogues, calendars or indexes. To make these in full will require a very long time and much expense. Much has been done towards this in the way of arrangement and classification, and it must be borne in mind that whatever is done, keeping as the true object in view the final complete index, will, as a step towards such index, be so much gained and will be gratefully appreciated by investigators.

There is one remark I wish especially to make, namely, that the rule, which I believe has been hitherto adhered to, should always be regarded:—to preserve so far as possible any arrangement that may already exist when by a particular set of papers being together they mutually illustrate or explain one another. It may often happen that the separation of such papers, taking any out to go into some other collection, would destroy the evidence of date, subject to which it relates, or other particular of interest.

It is greatly to be desired that the papers not already placed in volumes should be arranged, chronologically so far as possible, with due regard to the rule above mentioned. They should then be placed in scrap-books where practicable, since this renders them more secure from loss and injury and at the same time prepares them for the calendar or index and makes them far more capable of convenient study.

When the loose papers have been thus put in volumes and the whole collection suitably ranged on shelves, in what should be a permanent order, the volumes should be plainly marked with successive numbers throughout, and a brief catalogue made giving a brief general description of each numbered volume. The successive order of the volumes and of the corresponding catalogue should be preserved permanently. If it should at any time become necessary to remove a volume out of its order, a mark should be left to explain the gap in numbers.

The next thing advisable, as it seems to me, would be to make a calendar of each volume on the following plan, a plan which I have used in other collections with entirely satisfactory results. I may say that the late Perley Derby adopted the idea in making his very useful summary of the information contained in the first volumes of the Essex County Court Papers.

Folds of paper should be provided of uniform folio size suitable for subsequent binding, and each page ruled so as to give a wide column at the left for a brief title of the manuscript and for such wording as would not need to be indexed, then a column for Christian names, then one for surnames and for names of places and indexible subjects, and then columns for the day, month and year.

Upon these folds should be written, besides the *number* of the volume at the head with a brief title of the paper or set of papers, a full and continuous account or sketch of what each contains carrying out each indexible item, name, place, subject, date, to its proper column.

Such a calendar has a great advantage over any card catalogue that would attempt to give a separate and detailed statement of each item for an alphabetical arrange-

ment. The consecutive building up of the calendar while reading continuously on through the manuscript, needs less expert training, can be done much more quickly and ensures safety against the danger of leaving out items. It gives the investigator a quick and easy way of finding out whether the volume contains or refers to the particular matter he is interested in, and is the best temporary substitute for a complete alphabetical index which would take a long time to make, and if made directly from the manuscript would require the skill of an expert. The calendar could be used at once instead of using the original and would answer the purpose of the student much better, thus saving the wear and tear of the manuscript.

The most important advantage of such a calendar is that it furnishes a basis for a final complete and sure alphabetical index, requiring only the service of a copyist following down the column of indexible names; and the calendar of each volume as it is made is so much gained towards that end.

It may not be improper here to refer to the files of the Provincial Courts in the Office of the Clerk of Courts at Salem, which follow the files of the Colonial Courts already placed in bound volumes. These files, dating from 1692, contain practically hidden material of the highest value in history and genealogy. They are at present hardly accessible and liable to constant displacement, injury and loss. It would be well if the Institute could, by taking some action relating to this matter, draw the attention of the proper authority to the pressing need of some thing being done towards preserving and making easily accessible these invaluable papers.

WILLIAM P. UPHAM,

Curator.

REPORT OF THE CURATOR OF MUSIC.

When the necessary additional space for Library and Museum at the Essex Institute, shall have been acquired, the Music Library should be so placed as to be readily available for use and reference.

It contains not a little of the best music of former times in various styles and this has been classified with much care.

Here may be found oratorios, operas and masses in vocal score, with piano, glees and part-songs, piano pieces and songs, bound and unbound, instruction books for piano and organ, studies for flute, violin and piano, hymn books, theoretical and historical works, letters of great composers, etc., etc. The student of theory will find such standard works as Marx' "Theory of Musical Composition," and Richter's "Manual of Harmony;" the singer will find "Art of Singing," in catechism form by Ferdinand Lieber, a famous vocal master, also Madam Seiler's "The Voice in Singing," which has often been quoted by eminent authorities; the pianist will find the sonatas of Beethoven in two volumes, published by Wolfenbüttel, and one interested in folk songs will be pleased with the collection, in half a dozen or more volumes, of ancient Irish music, from the library of the late Arthur A. Averille.

The historical collection of anthem books is one of the most notable acquisitions of the Essex Institute. There are about five hundred volumes, thirty or forty of which are kept in the fire-proof.

The attention of musical people may be called to the fact that donations of sheet music to the Library are particularly requested and always acceptable.

JOSHUA PHIPPEN,
Curator.
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CHARTER
OF THE
ESSEX INSTITUTE
AND BY-LAWS ADOPTED JUNE 5, 1899, TOGETHER
WITH SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE
ESSEX HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, that Edward Augustus Holyoke of Salem, in the County of Essex, Doctor of Medicine, and such other persons as have associated and may hereafter associate themselves with him for the purpose of collecting and preserving materials for the civil and natural history of the said County of Essex, be, and they hereby are made a body corporate and politic by the name of The Essex Historical Society, and by that name they and their successors may sue and be sued, and shall be capable in law to take and hold in fee simple or otherwise, lands, tenements, rents and hereditaments, not exceeding in the whole the yearly value of two thousand dollars, exclusive of the building or buildings which may be actually occu-

pied for the purposes of said corporation ; and they shall also be capable in law to take, receive and hold personal estate to an amount the yearly value of which shall not exceed the sum of two thousand dollars, exclusive of the books, papers, memorials and other articles composing the library and cabinet of the said corporation ; and they shall also have power to sell, demise, exchange, or otherwise dispose of, all or any part of their lands, tenements, rents, hereditaments and other property aforesaid, for the benefit of the said corporation ; and shall also have a common seal which they may break, alter and renew at their pleasure ; and shall also have power to make by-laws, with suitable penalties, and not repugnant to the laws of this Commonwealth.

SECTION 2. Be it further enacted, that the said corporation shall have power, from time to time, as they may think fit, to elect a President and such other officers as they shall judge necessary ; and at their first meeting, they may agree upon the manner of calling future meetings, and proceed to execute all or any of the powers vested in them by this act.

SECTION 3. Be it further enacted, that the library and cabinet of the said corporation shall be kept in the town of Salem aforesaid.

SECTION 4. Be it further enacted, that the said Edward Augustus Holyoke be and hereby is authorized to notify the said first meeting of the said Corporation by an advertisement thereof under his hand for seven days before such meeting in any newspaper printed in Salem aforesaid.

Approved, June 11, 1821.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE
ESSEX COUNTY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives,
in General Court assembled and by the authority of
the same.*

That Andrew Nichols, William Oakes and William

Prescott, and their associates, are hereby made a corporation, by the name of the Essex County Natural History Society, for the purpose of promoting the science of Natural History, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the liabilities contained in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes of this Commonwealth, "passed on the fourth day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five," and for the purpose aforesaid may hold real estate to the amount of ten thousand dollars, and personal estate, exclusive of the books, papers and articles in the cabinet of said society, to the amount of twenty thousand dollars.

Approved February 12, 1836.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE
ESSEX INSTITUTE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of same, as follows :

SECT. 1. The members of the Essex Historical Society, and the members of the Essex County Natural History Society, together with such persons as may hereafter associate with them, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the "Essex Institute;" with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the liabilities contained in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may hold real estate to the amount of thirty thousand dollars, and personal estate, exclusive of the books, papers, and articles in the cabinets of said corporation, to the amount of twenty thousand dollars.

SECT. 3. The Essex Institute shall have for its object the advancement of horticulture, in addition to the objects for which the Essex Historical Society and the Essex County Natural History Society were incorporated.

SECT. 4. All property now owned by said Essex Historical Society, and said Essex County Natural History

Society, and all property, that may accrue to either of said societies, shall belong to the Essex Institute.

SECT. 5. All donations and bequests which may have been made to the Essex Historical Society, or to the Essex County Natural History Society, shall accrue to, and become the property of, the Essex Institute, and shall be devoted to the objects for which such donation or bequest was made.

SECT. 6. The income from the funds of the Essex Historical Society shall be devoted to the objects of the historical department, and the income from the funds of the Essex County Natural History Society shall be devoted to the objects of natural history, or horticulture; *provided, however*, if the said corporation shall at any time be in arrears in meeting its current expenses, from the sums received from annual assessments, the income from the historical funds and the income from the natural history funds shall be applied, *pro rata*, to meet the deficiency.

SECT. 7. The treasurer shall keep separate accounts of the funds which belonged to the Essex Historical Society and to the Essex County Natural History Society, under the direction of a finance committee, to be appointed at the annual meeting.

SECT. 8. The library and cabinets of said corporation shall be kept in the city of Salem.

SECT. 9. The Essex Institute shall be liable for all the debts due from the Essex Historical Society and from the Essex County Natural History Society.

SECT. 10. The president of the Essex Historical Society, or the president of the Essex County Natural History Society, is hereby authorized to notify the first meeting of the Essex Institute, by an advertisement thereof, under his hand, for seven days before such meeting, in any newspaper printed in the city of Salem.

SECT. 11. This act shall take effect from and after its adoption by the Essex Historical Society and the Essex County Natural History Society, at meetings of the two societies held for that purpose; and all acts inconsistent with this act shall, after the adoption hereof, be considered as repealed.

Approved, February 11, 1848.

AN AMENDMENT TO THE
ACT TO INCORPORATE THE ESSEX INSTITUTE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

SECT. 1. The Essex Institute shall have for its object the advancement of the arts, literature and science, in addition to the objects for which the Essex Historical Society and the Essex County Natural History Society were incorporated.

SECT. 2. The third session of Chapter five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and forty-eight is hereby repealed.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by said Essex Institute, at a meeting duly held for that purpose.

Approved, February 12, 1870.

AN AMENDMENT TO THE
ACT TO INCORPORATE THE ESSEX INSTITUTE.

AN ACT to authorize the Essex Institute to hold additional Personal Estate.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECT. 1. The Essex Institute, incorporated by Chapter five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and forty-eight, is hereby authorized to hold personal estate, exclusive of the books, papers and articles in the cabinets of said corporation, to the amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved, February 24, 1882.

AN AMENDMENT TO THE
ACT TO INCORPORATE THE ESSEX INSTITUTE.

AN ACT to authorize the Essex Institute to hold additional Real and Personal Estate.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECT. 1. The Essex Institute is hereby authorized to hold real estate to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars in value, and to hold personal estate, exclusive of the books, papers and other articles in the cabinets of said corporation, to an amount not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars in value.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved, April 10, 1899.

BY-LAWS.

Adopted June 5, 1899.

ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Any person may be elected a member, by ballot, at a regular meeting, by a majority vote of the members present and voting, the name of such person having been proposed in writing by two members at a previous meeting.

SEC. 2. Any person not residing in the County of Essex, who may be interested in the objects of the Institute, or desirous of promoting its work, may be elected a corresponding member, by ballot, at a regular meeting, by a majority vote of the members present and voting, upon nomination by the Board of Directors; but corresponding members shall not be eligible to office, nor entitled to vote, nor liable to assessment.

SEC. 3. Persons who shall have attained an eminent distinction in Science, Literature or the Arts, may be elected honorary members, by ballot, at the annual meeting, by a majority vote of the members present and voting, upon nomination by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 4. Any member may become a life member, and be exempt from the payment of the annual assessment, by paying the sum of fifty dollars to be added to the invested funds of the Institute.

ARTICLE II. MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. Regular meetings shall be held on the first Monday of each month, at the rooms of the Institute. The meeting in May shall be the annual meeting.*

SEC. 2. The Secretary shall call special meetings on the order of the President, or at the written request of five members. Business

*At a meeting of the Essex Institute held May 4, 1903, the following amendment was adopted:

ARTICLE II. SECTION 1. "Regular meetings shall be held on the first Monday of each month. The meeting in May shall be the annual meeting."

to be transacted at a special meeting shall be limited to the subjects stated in the call.

SEC. 3. The Board of Directors shall meet on the first Monday of each month, and at such other times as they may be called together by the President.

SEC. 4. Eleven members shall be a quorum for holding any meeting of the Institute, except at the annual meeting or when the by-laws are to be repealed or amended, when fifty members shall be a quorum: but any less number shall have power to adjourn such meeting.

SEC. 5. Five members of the Board of Directors shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Officers of the Institute shall be a President, four Vice Presidents and a Council of twelve members to be chosen by the members of the Institute by ballot at the annual meeting, together constituting the Board of Directors; and a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Librarian to be chosen by the Directors as hereinafter provided. The President shall hold office for one year and until his successor is elected. At the first annual meeting after the adoption of these by-laws, one Vice President and three Councillors shall be elected to serve for one year, one Vice President and three Councillors for two years, one Vice President and three Councillors for three years, and one Vice President and three Councillors for four years, and at each succeeding annual meeting there shall be chosen one Vice President and three Councillors for four years.

SEC. 2. The Board of Directors shall, as soon as practicable after their election, choose, by ballot, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Librarian, who shall hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected. The votes of at least twelve Directors shall be necessary for a choice.

ARTICLE IV. NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. At the regular March meeting of the Institute, the President shall appoint five members, not officers, to be a nominating committee, who shall report, at the regular April meeting, one candidate for each office to be filled at the next annual meeting, and also for each vacancy existing on the Board of Directors, and they shall prepare for use at such annual meeting, ballots containing the names of the officers to be voted for, to be designated as "Presented by the nominating committee," and shall cause a copy of this ballot to be mailed to each member of the Institute at least fourteen days prior to the date of the meeting. On the ballot so mailed, there shall be sufficient space for members to write in, and vote for, others of their choice.

ARTICLE V. DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The President, or in his absence the senior Vice President who shall be present, shall preside at all meetings of the Institute, and of the Board of Directors.

The President shall, at the annual meeting or at an adjournment thereof, appoint a Finance Committee consisting of five Directors, of which committee he shall be *ex-officio* chairman. As soon as may be after the annual meeting, he shall also appoint, with the approval of the Directors, Committees on Library and Publications, on Lectures, and on Field Meetings.*

SEC. 2. The Board of Directors shall have the custody and control of the estates, buildings and collections of the Institute, shall fix the salaries of the Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, assistants and employees, may appropriate and authorize the expenditure of money, and shall have general management and control of the property and affairs of the Institute, except as otherwise herein provided.†

The Directors may, in case of any vacancy upon the Board, elect by ballot a member of the Institute to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting.

The Directors may appoint Curators of History, Science, Literature, Art, Numismatics, Manuscripts, Music and Horticulture, and of the Museum; also assistants to the Secretary, Librarian and Curators, and such special committees as the interests of the Institute may from time to time require. The chairman of every committee, whether standing or special, shall be chosen from the Board of Directors, and the President, when a member of a committee, shall be *ex-officio* chairman of it.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall give notice of all meetings and record their proceedings; shall notify all members and officers of their elec-

*At a meeting of the Essex Institute held May 6, 1901, the following amendment was adopted:

ARTICLE V. SECTION 1. Paragraph 2. "The President shall, at the annual meeting or at an adjournment thereof, appoint a Finance Committee which shall consist of himself and four Directors. As soon as may be after the annual meeting, he shall also appoint, with the approval of the Directors, Committees on Library and Publications, on Lectures, and on Field Meetings."

†At a meeting of the Essex Institute held May 2, 1904, ARTICLE V. SECTION 2. was amended by adding after the first clause in that section, the following:

"The Board of Directors may, with the concurrence of the Finance Committee, in its discretion, sell and convey or lease, to such persons and upon such terms as it may think fit, any real estate which the Essex Institute may now or hereafter own, or be in anyway entitled to. All deeds, leases, and instruments of conveyance of real estate so sold or leased shall be signed and acknowledged in the name of the Essex Institute by its President and its Treasurer who shall affix thereto its corporate seal. And generally the said Board of Directors may discharge all such functions and execute all such powers in this behalf as are conferred upon the Essex Institute by virtue of the Acts of the Commonwealth, but with the concurrence, in all cases, of the Finance Committee."

tion; shall have charge of all papers and documents relating to the general business of the Institute; shall conduct general correspondence; and at the annual meeting shall report the doings of the Institute during the year. He shall keep a separate record of the by-laws and amendments thereto, and a membership list containing accurate minutes of name, residence, date of election, death or resignation; and he shall, under the control of the Treasurer, collect and turn over to him, at least once in each month, the annual membership dues, the proceeds from the sale of publications, and all moneys received from other sources.

He shall attend and record the action of all meetings of the Institute, Directors and Standing Committees, and also of such special committees as may request his services. He shall perform such other duties, not inconsistent with his office, as the Board may direct.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall receive all income, donations and bequests, and shall deposit the same, in the name of the Essex Institute, in a Salem bank to be designated by the Finance Committee. He shall pay all approved bills against the Institute. He shall keep accurate books of account. At each annual meeting and whenever requested he shall furnish the Directors with a statement of the Institute's financial condition. He shall, when so directed by the Finance Committee, draw his check for such investments as they shall decide upon. He shall endorse, in the name of the Essex Institute, all checks and other negotiable instruments. Under the direction and with the approval of the Finance Committee he may issue promissory notes in the name of the Essex Institute, these notes to be countersigned by the chairman of the Finance Committee. On the payment of any debt secured by mortgage, the Treasurer is authorized to acknowledge satisfaction and to discharge the same.

The Directors may require a bond of the Treasurer and fix the amount thereof.

SEC. 5. The Librarian shall, under the direction of the Standing Committee on Library and Publications, have the custody of all books and other printed works, maps, charts, manuscripts and diagrams, belonging to the Institute; shall attend to their arrangement, cataloguing and preservation; and, under the direction of the said Committee, shall examine the condition of the Library and make a written report thereon at the annual meeting.

SEC. 6. The Curators shall, under the general control of the Board, have special charge of their respective departments.

ARTICLE VI. STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The Finance Committee shall examine and, if found correct, shall approve all bills against the Institute, and shall be entrusted with the care and investment of its permanent funds. At

least once in six months they shall examine the books, accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer, and also all investments belonging to the Institute, and as auditors they shall examine the annual report of the Treasurer, and if found correct shall certify thereto.

All stocks, bonds, mortgages and other investments of the Institute shall be kept in a safety-deposit box in some Salem bank, taken in the name of the Essex Institute, access to which shall only be had jointly by the Treasurer and the chairman of the Finance Committee, or by some other member or members of the same to be thereto designated by vote of the Committee. Two persons shall always be present when access is had to said safety-deposit box.

No change in investments shall be made except by vote of the Finance Committee duly recorded.

SEC. 2. The Library and Publication Committee shall cause to be made an annual examination of the condition of the Library, and shall have the management of the Library and of all publications of the Institute and shall regulate the manner of their distribution.

SEC. 3. The Committees on Lectures and on Field Meetings shall respectively have charge of all lectures, and public meetings, except such as may be given under the direction of any curator in the line of his department.

ARTICLE VII. ASSESSMENTS.

SECTION 1. An assessment of three dollars shall be paid by every member on admission, and annually thereafter on the first Monday in May.

SEC. 2. No member who shall be in arrears for one year shall be entitled to vote or hold any office; and any member so in arrears, who shall refuse or neglect to pay his dues for six months after being notified thereof by the Treasurer, by written notice duly recorded, shall cease to be a member of the Institute.

SEC. 3. The President and Treasurer may exempt members from the payment of assessments when they may deem it for the interest of the Institute so to do.

ARTICLE VIII. APPROPRIATIONS.

SECTION 1. The Institute will assume no liability for any debt contracted unless it shall have been first authorized by a vote of the Board of Directors or by the Institute.

SEC. 2. Whenever the Board of Directors shall appropriate any money which shall be expended by any curator or committee, such curator or committee shall render an account of the same to the Treasurer, with vouchers; and the balance, if any, shall be returned to the treasury of the Institute.

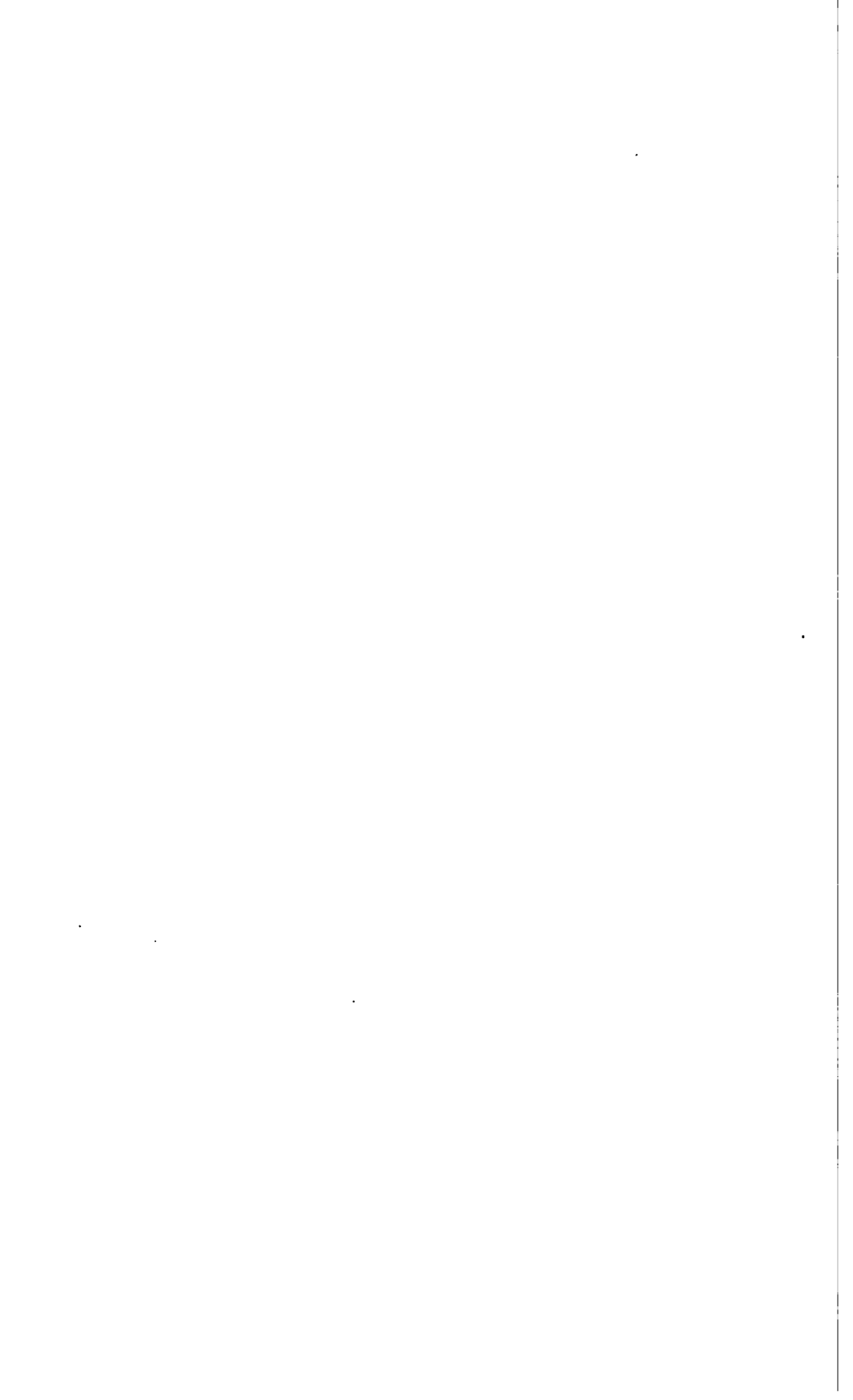
SEC. 3. Whenever any entertainment, lecture, exhibition or concert is given for the benefit of any department of the Institute, the curator or committee having charge of the same shall render to the Treasurer a statement of the receipts and expenses incurred, and when all bills are paid, the net receipts of the same shall be turned over to the Treasurer.

ARTICLE IX. ROOMS.

SECTION 1. The rooms shall be open to members and the public at such times and under such regulations as the Directors may determine.

ARTICLE X. REPEAL OR AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. The by-laws may be repealed or amended by the vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, at a regular meeting, notice of the proposed repeal or amendment, having been given in writing at a previous regular meeting, and at least fifty members voting in the affirmative.







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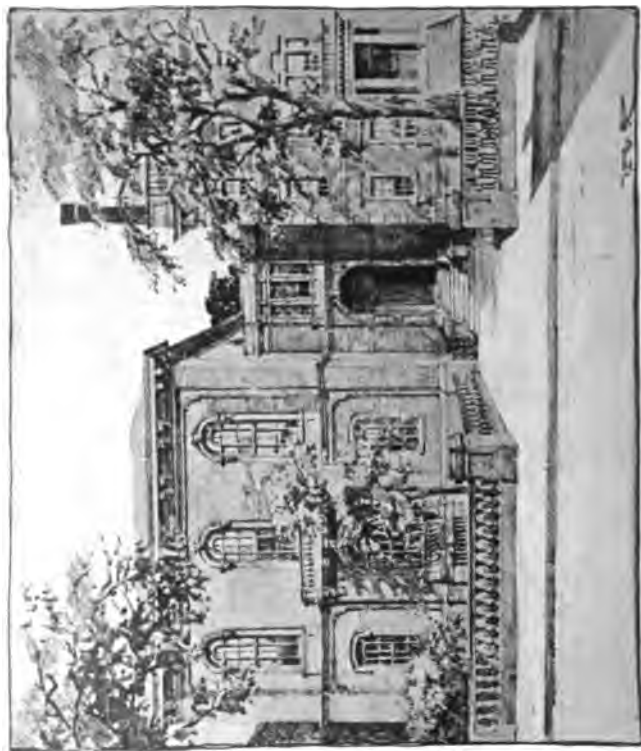
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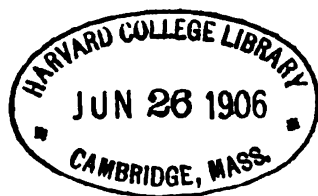
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May, 1906—May, 1907.

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Frank Cousins,	Mrs. Charles S. Osgood,
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Helen D. Lander,	Willis H. Ropes,
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	Mrs. George M. Whipple.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

While this is truly a business meeting of our Institute with the annual reports and elections, a feature at this annual gathering which appeals to us as being of very great usefulness is the social feature combined with the business duty. So I argue that it is well for me not to take up unduly of your time.

There has taken place during the year that which is going to advance the Museum phase of the work of the Institute in a way much needed from every possible standpoint; indeed I might almost say is demanded by the public,—the people alive, and also the spirit of the people deceased, who have both made gifts of historic and artistic interest and value, to this Association.

Your very careful Board of Directors, with the advice of the Finance Committee, has purchased of the Salem Athenæum, this building in which we are now meeting. The duly appointed Committee of the Board of Directors more recently and after much study of the conditions, requested Mr. William G. Rantoul, architect, to advise them as to the plan that would seem satisfactory to unite the Institute and Athenæum buildings harmoniously, and to present a statement of cost. Upon a report to the full Board, unanimously favoring a plan by Mr. Rantoul, the Board referred the plans, and estimate to the Finance Committee. The latter Committee studied the matter, gave the plans and also the financial conditions of the Institute careful consideration, and reported back to the Directors that they believed the Institute was able to expend the sum estimated to remodel the two buildings for use as one plant, which cannot fail to be, not only a great credit to Salem and Essex County, but a plant that, in my opinion, cannot fail to be useful beyond present belief. This plan will include such a heating system as

will greatly reduce the risk from fire to the valuable library, and the many other contents that are beyond replacement by money from insurance. The front elevation of the combined buildings, as suggested by the architect and approved by the committee, is now presented for your inspection. The accompanying plans propose the removal of the stairs on the first floor of the Plummer Hall building and also the stairs on the first floor front of the Institute building. In the space between the two buildings would be a new and effective, both artistically and usefully, grand staircase leading right and left to both buildings. The Museum room on the first floor of the Institute building would give way to a reading room which would also well accommodate the Society for home meetings. The upper floor of the Institute building would then continue to be used as the place for research and study, with surrounding conditions otherwise very much as now. On the first floor of the present Plummer Hall building at the front would be three well-lighted rooms, designed for special libraries and entered from a cross-corridor; and out of the same corridor, to the rear, would open the library stack-room. The whole second floor would be devoted to the needs of the Museum and consist of two large halls, the one in the rear being substantially the present dignified hall, with an improved gallery, to be utilized for the general historic objects of which the Institute has so numerous and varied a collection. The front hall would be used as an art gallery and also for loan exhibitions.

The generous contributors to the funds of this Corporation, who are living, cannot fail to rejoice with us that the accumulated gifts of money have realized so much for the good work which we are associated together to do; and the Institute can feel that it has performed a sacred duty most satisfactorily, in the interest of the givers who have passed on to the mysterious hereafter.

While the amount paid to the Athenæum may to some seem large, we are fortunate in being prospectively in possession. Again, we are, and will always be, kindred bodies and workers together upon good and useful lines.

We are glad, too, that the Athenæum will be enabled to pursue, progressively, its work to the credit of Salem, on such lines as its management may conclude.

You have through your Board of Directors now consummated what has long been under consideration, namely, the further development of the usefulness of the Institute; and I believe every member will regard this culmination to be most satisfactory.

But while we can afford to do this, and it has been felt that we ought to have done so, new work will constantly be coming up that will be necessary and useful, and of real value—yes, of dollars and cents value, as well as otherwise; we must always desire, and seek, gifts of money as well as gifts to the Museum and to the library in varied form. We cannot surely tell who may incline, and have the ability, to give, but the chance to do so should always be held prominently before every well-wisher and friend.

Let all former residents of Salem and of Essex County, and their descendants, as well as present residents, hear and consider our plea, and cheerfully govern themselves accordingly.

I have heard the opinion expressed by some people that to “pass around the hat” might help to-day, but would discourage for the future; and that to make needs well known was often the surest way, in the long run, to secure necessary funds for a worthy cause. Whichever may be right, endowment funds and construction funds, and repair funds, and any other form of funds, can be used to good advantage by the Institute.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

The publishing activities of the Essex Institute have never been greater than during the past year. Little work could be done in the Museum and it chanced that several volumes have been ready for publication at very nearly the same time. First in importance is Sears' *Geology of Essex County*, the most elaborate scientific work ever issued by the Institute, the production of which has only been made possible through the generosity of a good friend of the society. It is a quarto volume of 418 pages containing over 200 illustrations, and a very costly outcrop map lithographed in colors.

The first volume of Rev. William Bentley's *Diary* has been completed and over two hundred pages of the second volume are also in type. Volume XLI of the *Historical Collections* contains 448 pages, and the *Index to the Historical Collections, Vols. I to XL*, occupies 91 pages. The annual report for the year ending May 1, 1905 required 67 pages, and *Lynn Vital Records, Vol. I*, contains 428 pages, while Vol. II is in type to the extent of over 250 pages. The Institute therefore has published during the year just passed, a total number of over 1900 printed pages, which does not include the illustrated volume of *Salem Ship Registers*.

Mr. John Robinson has completed the work of labelling and cataloging the Robinson Memorial Collection of Oriental Coins and he has also increased the size of the Collection by 399 additional coins and medals, including several rarities from Japan and Korea, and 157 Chinese-Siamese porcelain tokens.

In 1868 when the Essex Institute and the newly established Peabody Academy of Science exchanged museum objects, the Institute received a collection of nearly nine hundred Greek and Roman coins. The larger number of

these coins had been identified, but in the Lynde Block fire of May 14, 1866, the East India Marine Hall was threatened with destruction and in the greatest possible haste these coins were thrown into a bag and thereby nearly all became separated from their labels. The larger part of the collection has now been identified anew so that a representative selection may be exhibited as soon as museum space becomes available.

During the past year the Museum has received numerous valuable and interesting additions, possibly, in a way, presaging what may be anticipated when the museum collections are more suitably installed in the new exhibition hall. A bequest from the late Henry F. Shepard is of greatest artistic interest. It consists of fifty-two East Indian paintings on ivory, representing various princes and rajahs, together with a few notable buildings and interiors. These paintings were spoils of the Sepoy Rebellion and came into the possession of Mr. Shepard in 1861. Forty-one paintings on mica, depicting manners and customs in India, were also received by the Institute as a part of the same bequest.

From the widow of a descendant was acquired a miniature, on ivory, of Col. William R. Lee, a Revolutionary officer and friend of Washington, and Collector of the Port of Salem and Beverly from 1803 to 1825. The miniature is of additional interest from the fact that it was painted in Salem in 1805 by N. Hancock. When Hancock arrived in town in November, 1805, he inserted the following advertisement in the Salem Gazette.

MINIATURE PAINTING.

The Subscriber respectfully informs the Ladies and Gentlemen of Salem and its vicinity, that he proposes to practise in the line of Miniature painting. He may be spoken with at Mrs. Buffinton's in Court Street, where he will be happy to receive their commands, and hopes to execute them to their satisfaction, by furnishing those who may apply to him with correct and pleasing likenesses handsomely painted.

Ladies and Gentlemen who prefer it, shall be waited upon at their own houses.

N. Hancock.

From the same source was received the diplomatic coat worn by Maj.-Gen. Henry Dearborn while United States minister to Portugal in 1822. His son, Brig.-Gen. Henry A. S. Dearborn, at one time was a resident of Salem, and Dearborn street, in North Salem, perpetuates his memory.

Rev. George D. Latimer gave miniatures of Capt. Henry King and his wife and also brooches and other jewelry of the 1830-1840 period.

The late William P. Upham gave seven silhouettes of members of the Pickman family, and from the Lydia L. A. Very estate came several interesting family portraits in water-color and crayon, including one of Capt. James Very, the father of Jones Very, the poet. Dr. Bentley records in his Diary the somewhat unusual experience of a vessel commanded by Capt. Very. He relates under date of May 6, 1795. "Yesterday returned Capt. James Very from an intended Voyage to the Cape of Good Hope. He was caught in the currents off the Brazil coasts & after attempts without success returned home without touching at any port from the time of his departure on 14 November last. As an apology it is confessed that his Vessel was a bad Sailor & other Vessels have returned in the same predicament. It is a mortifying situation."

With the advent of new and enlarged museum accommodations it is anticipated that greater space may be devoted to costume and to the art of lace making and embroidery. Through the kind offices of Miss Mary M. Brooks this phase of the Institute's work has been brought to the attention of Mrs. David Crocker of Boston who has presented a considerable collection of examples of lace and hand embroidery together with India silk scarfs, and dresses and clothing of the 1820 period. Mrs. Charles G. Chever of North Andover adds to her earlier gifts, several yards of Mechlin lace, and also fine carvings in ivory.

Deputy Sheriff Daniel Dutch was a picturesque figure in Salem's streets of over a half-century ago. He was one of the last of those old-fashioned men who continued to wear knee breeches. Last year the Institute received a small oil painting showing Essex Street, Salem, as it appeared about the year 1880, and in this painting Deputy

Sheriff Dutch is seen, cane in hand, crossing the street in front of the first Meeting-House. Early in the present year Mr. Thomas Todd of Concord added to our portrait collection a fine photographic enlargement of a daguerreotype of the old-time Sheriff. As a study of costume it is of considerable interest, for the daguerreotype was in excellent condition and every detail is exceedingly well preserved. A few weeks ago Mr. G. W. Davis of Peabody, presented to the Institute a relic of Deputy Dutch—the old-fashioned high-backed sleigh formerly used by him and in itself a fit companion to the one horse chaise long in the possession of the Institute and which was a feature of the Essex Bridge Centennial procession and other celebrations.

During the Fall, arrangements were perfected whereby Dr. Edwin A. Barber, the Curator of the Pennsylvania Museum, in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, visited Salem and spent two days in the Museum of the Institute identifying our collection of pottery and porcelain and perfecting the labels already affixed. Dr. Barber found several very desirable examples of flint glass, the first made in the country, and much to his surprise he also found a small cream jug, which, after careful examination, he pronounced to be, in all probability, a piece of genuine English Lowestoft. Since his return to Philadelphia the following letter has been received from him:

"I have been trying to obtain the opinions of several English experts regarding the little cream jug in your collection and I sent the photographs to England some time ago. While my correspondents are of my opinion that the shape is satisfactory for true Lowestoft ware, they are not willing to express a positive opinion without seeing the piece itself. In the present state of knowledge concerning the Lowestoft productions I am not quite ready to make a positive attribution, but hope to be able to do so a little later. I can say, however, that your jug comes nearer to filling the requirements of true Lowestoft soft paste porcelain than any piece I have seen in this country, and I think you would be entirely justified in labeling your piece "Old English soft paste porcelain, probably Lowestoft." This is as far as I am willing to go at present. I am endeavoring

to procure from England two or three absolutely authentic pieces of Lowestoft by means of which I hope to be able to identify your specimen. Last week I went over the pottery collections of the Wadsworth Athenæum, Hartford. If their collection and yours could be combined the result would be the best collection of old English wares in this country."

The first volume of the Vital Records of Lynn has been printed, containing 429 pages. The records of Danvers, Lynnfield and Saugus are compiled and ready to be printed, and the records of Ipswich will be completed during the coming year. Salem vital records as recorded at the City Hall, are very incomplete and in order to approximate anything like completeness it will be necessary to make a house-to-house canvass in search of contemporaneous family records. As some time is likely to elapse before Salem vital records are printed, the compilation is being written upon catalog cards which are filed in alphabetical order and thus present an index immediately available for consultation by genealogists and historical students until such time as it may be possible to print the entire record.

The work of arranging and mounting the collection of manuscripts is now very nearly completed. The making of a calendar or index to the collections should then follow so that the information contained in these valuable original papers may be at once made available.

The membership of the Institute on May 1, 1906, was 682 in number, consisting of 551 active members, 29 life members, and 52 in the corresponding list. During the year 19 members have died 26 active members have been elected, and 24 have withdrawn from membership. 12,326 persons have visited the Museum.

A Field Meeting was held at "Ship Rock" in Peabody on July 20th at which historical societies in this vicinity were represented. Addresses were made upon the geology and botany of the region. Meetings for the study of fungi were continued during the months of August and September, and were largely attended. On several occasions the audiences were addressed by officers of the Boston Mycological Club. As heretofore, the success of

these meeting is largely due to the industry and enthusiasm of Mr. Richards B. Mackintosh and Mr. Willis H. Ropes.

The Public Lectures, as in recent years, have been given in Academy Hall, the Trustees in charge co-operating with the Institute. Eight lectures were given in the Free Course. Six of them were illustrated. Five evenings were occupied by Home Meetings, at which refreshments were served. The Free Lecture Course was as follows:—

Dec. 4, 1905.—Rev. Peter H. Goldsmith, Pastor of First Church, Salem,—“A Fortnight among the Cora and the Huichol Indians of Mexico.”

Dec. 18.—Mr. Arthur K. Peck of Boston,—“The Storm Heroes of our Coast,—The United States Life Saving Service.”

Jan. 1, 1906.—Mr. William W. Ellsworth, Secretary of the Century Company, New York City,—“The Personal Washington.”

Jan. 15.—Mr. C. J. Messer of Boston,—“Alaska.”

Jan. 29.—Prof. Wm. Lyman Underwood of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology,—“In the Woods with an Indian.”

Feb. 12.—Mr. James Duncan Phillips of Salem,—“Salem Ships and Ship Masters.”

Feb. 26.—Prof. Edward S. Morse, Director of the Peabody Museum of Salem,—“Does Life exist in Mars?”

Mar. 12.—Mr. Herbert W. Gleason of Boston,—“Among the Wild Flowers.”

The Home Course was as follows:—

Jan. 8, 1906.—Rev. Peter H. Goldsmith, Pastor of the First Church, Salem,—“A Naturalist at Work in Mexico.”

Jan. 22.—Rev. George D. Latimer, Pastor of North Church, Salem,—“Giotto and Christian Art.”

Feb. 5.—Sidney Perley, Esq. of Salem,—“Where Salem was Settled.”

Feb. 19.—Mr. John Albree of Swampscott,—“Life on a Privateer.”

Mar. 5.—Mr. George Francis Dow,—“The Essex Institute and its Work.”

The Institute receives nearly every day through the mails, requests for genealogical or historical information. The following have been selected from the miscellaneous collection on file. A letter from Covington, Ky., looking for a publisher for a History of the World from the Days of Adam to the Present Time. The letter states that nothing was therein contained the truth of which could not be proven by the Bible and "some of the finest scholars of the land had informed the author that more History could be learned from it in two years, than in a lifetime by any other history ever written." The accompanying chart or pedigree was described as about 25 by 50 feet in size.

Last March in the same mail came a letter from Marion, Indiana, asking for records of a Boden estate in London, England, and another letter from Shenandoah, Iowa, in search of information regarding relatives now living in Germany.

The museum also receives its full share of the flood of interrogations. In December a young man called to inspect an original witch's broom said to have been preserved by the Essex Institute. A church social was in process of evolution and a witch, appropriately equipped with a broom of correct design, was to be a necessary part of the impedimenta.

Our "school" also receives considerable advertising matter and every year the Cleveland Leader writes for full information in order that its educational department may "answer intelligently the questions that are asked." Last month a Chicago business house wrote to the Institute as follows: "We understand your school has a good penmanship and art department; if so, we have a proposition that will interest you. We want a design for both front and back covers of our large fall Mail Order Catalogue. If you can produce a design which will be acceptable to us we will reward you so that it will be worth your best efforts," etc., etc. This very advantageous proposition is now respectfully submitted to the Institute.

The near approach of the time when the Museum will be supplied with enlarged quarters naturally suggests

activity in planning for the growth which always follows such development. The fine collection of objects illustrating the daily life and environment of our New England people should be increased and made to show not only the house and its interior but the occupations of the people,—agricultural implements, and the tools and finished work of the carpenter, the cooper, the shoemaker, and the smith. Much of this material is already in the possession of the Institute and only awaits suitable space for exhibition, but in many a neglected loft or attic no doubt may be found objects and tools which have escaped the microbes of spring cleaning and now have become obsolete and of value and interest as historical curiosities. Rooms furnished after the manner of the old time kitchen, the parlor, and the bedroom, should supply tangible illustrations to the children of today. The relics of the Revolution and of the Civil War can then be intelligently arranged and studied. The pottery, porcelain, and glass will make a large and comprehensive exhibit and the collection of embroidery and lace will surely attract attention and thereby add to its strength. It will be possible to arrange special exhibitions and important loans may be anticipated. But above all, a hall, suitably lighted, is to be provided for the portraits and the works of art,—an art gallery, in a measure worthy of the name, in which Salem may take pride, and seek to foster its future growth.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

In submitting my eighth annual report on the Library, it is a satisfaction to be able, not to dwell on the crowded condition of the shelves and the imperative need of more room, as has been necessary for several years past, but to welcome the prospect in the coming months of extended accommodations for the Library, allowing ample space not only for the present accumulations but also for the growth and development for many years to come. With the remodelling of the building recently acquired by the Institute, it will be possible to install several of the special collections in separate rooms suitably equipped, and to remove from the present building many of the classes less frequently consulted, thus relieving the pressure. This would also permit the establishment of the reading room, with current periodicals and newspapers, and bound files of the Salem papers, on the first floor in the large room now occupied by a portion of the Museum. The study rooms on the second floor could then be devoted entirely to the use of students, and it may be anticipated that a larger number of readers and students would avail themselves of the improved facilities. In this connection the guest cards, which members may obtain, extending to a friend the privileges of the library for a limited period, are again brought to your attention. With this generous enlargement of accommodations it will be our endeavor by the continuation of careful classification and cataloging to make its treasures readily accessible and to render more efficient service to the members of the Institute.

The Library now numbers 94,045 volumes and 329,081 pamphlets by approximation, no actual count ever having been made so far as known. The strength of the Library may be somewhat overestimated, as there are a consider-

able number of duplicates. Owing to the long continued congestion, books have been placed on the shelves in some classes in double rows, and many are stored in packing cases, so that it would be impossible to secure an exact enumeration until they have been properly shelved and duplicates eliminated. It is to be hoped that this may be accomplished at an early day.

During the past twelve months 2836 volumes and 8058 pamphlets have been added to the Library from various sources.

The amount available for the purchase of books has been carefully expended by the Book Committee along the lines laid down during the last few years, endeavoring to build up the Essex County collection,—to strengthen the American local history and genealogy,—and to build up a marine collection consisting of sailing directions, coast pilots, voyages, nautical almanacs and treatises on navigation to supplement the fine collection of log books now numbering over a thousand logs and journals. An incident which shows the importance and historical value of the log book collection occurred recently. The Honorable Robert McNab, Member of the House of Representatives of New Zealand, and editor of the Government publication of Historical Papers of the Colony, who is at present engaged in writing a history of New Zealand, recently came to the United States in search of original material relating to the early history and description of the island. At Boston he was directed to the East India Marine Society of Salem, and not finding what he was in search of, was directed to the Essex Institute. Here he found the log of the ship *Brittania*, 1792-6 and the following paragraphs from his letter show its importance to the history of that Colony.

“Referring to the log of the *Brittania* held in your collection, I find on examination of it that it is

1st. A log of the *Brittania* down to 1795 and covering the settlement of the first sealing gang on the shores of New Zealand 1792-3. This is actually the first gang stationed on the islands for trade.

2nd. A log of the *Endeavour* from her sailing from

Sydney to Dusky Bay and covering the abandonment of that vessel on the sound. This wreck is the first on the New Zealand coast and was for long a mystery. It is the most celebrated wreck on the New Zealand coast. The log contains an account of the court that condemned the vessel.

3d. A log of the Providence from Norfolk Island towards Batavia. The Providence was the first vessel built on Australasia of Australasian timber. Was built on Dusky by Raven's gang 1792-8 and launched 1795. This was her first voyage.

The discovery of this log in your Institute is the biggest event in New Zealand history for many a long day and it clears up gaps in our history that had been more written about than any other early event. Strange to say when I found the log in your collection I actually had a work on the press dealing with the history of this region and referring to the *Brittania*, the *Endeavour* and the *Providence*. That work, which contained considerably more information on these subjects than any former publication, is already out of date with this discovery. I have taken copies of the descriptive parts of the log for publication. My house is within a few miles of the bones of the *Endeavour*, I have been at the wreck and my library contains spoil from it." Mr. McNab was very enthusiastic over this find and said that if while in New Zealand he had known of the existence of this log he would have considered it well worth a trip to Salem.

With the income made available by the Ward fund, 177 volumes, many of which have been imported, have been added to the China library. Among the more important the following may be mentioned: the *Journal and Transactions of the Royal Asiatic Society* in 59 volumes;—*Journal of the Royal Geographical Society* in 51 volumes;—14 volumes relating to the Jesuit missions in China;—additions to the *Parliamentary Papers and Consular Reports of Great Britain*, and many out of print books. Arrangements have been made with the Library of Congress whereby we receive one copy of each printed card relating to China, and in this way we are compiling a bib-

liography of current publications which no doubt will eventually be added to the collection.

Among other interesting or valuable additions to the Library, special mention may be made of the following :—

Collections of the proceedings of the general court or assembly of Massachusetts Bay, containing instructions from the Crown for fixing a salary on the Governour and their determinations thereon. Boston, 1729. This is a rare report, and a valuable addition to the early Massachusetts legislative documents of which the Institute has a very strong collection. In the preface of the *Province Laws*, Mr. Goodell states that in compiling that work he has consulted the Essex Institute collection of Massachusetts Acts and Laws and that it contains many of the rarer editions and supplements. The library also has a practically complete set of the Journals of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts Bay from 1759. In the announcement circular of the reprint of the Journals for 1715 edited by Mr. Worthington C. Ford, he speaks of the rarity of these publications as follows :—

“The edition of the earlier issues was small, being intended for the use of the members of the General Court, and the manner adopted after 1716 of issuing the votes twice a week, sometimes consisting of a single sheet, made it difficult to preserve complete sets. Indeed no full file of these Journals is in any library, either in the United States or in Europe, and the English State Paper Office has only an incomplete series. Were all the fragmentary sets in this country to be brought into one collection, there would still be parts needed to make a full set. . . . The Library of Congress possesses none earlier than 1754, and the office of the Secretary of State of Massachusetts none earlier than 1780. These volumes therefore must be considered to be among the rarities of legislative records, and are to all intents now unobtainable.”

John Wise's anonymous tract on the currency entitled “A friendly check from a kind relation to the chief cannoneer. Founded on a late information, dated New England, Castle-William, 1720, 1721.” This pamphlet, now extremely rare, was drawn out by the controversy

under Dudley and Shute in relation to the paper currency of the colony.

New England's Lamentations by John White, Boston. Printed and sold by T. Fleet at the sign of the Heart and Crown, in Cornhill, 1784.

John Tucker's brief account of an ecclesiastical council, in the first parish of Newbury, March 31, 1767. This council was called to consider the disorganized condition of affairs in the parish.

Among other Essex County items was an edition of the New England Primer, printed in Newburyport in 1790.

A bookseller in another part of this State has, from time to time, submitted lists of Essex County items in his stock. These have been carefully checked up and from this source alone 603 items, priced all the way from 25 cents to \$1.00 according to age and condition, have been added during the year. It is said that Panizzi, the famous librarian of the British Museum, laid down the rule that the apparently worthless trifle should be kept, as no one could anticipate its value in a hundred years. Doctor Wheatland was of much the same opinion, and it is to him that we are largely indebted for the valuable nucleus of the Essex County collection as well as of other portions of the library. As time goes on these accumulations grow in value and we appreciate more and more the far-seeing thought of earlier years.

The progress in cataloging has been about the same as last year. The classes cataloged are:—Bibliography; United States history, with the exception of the Civil War section; the Marine collection; and the Broadside collection. The latter has been arranged by subject and it was necessary to devise a special scheme of arrangement and notation. This collection is particularly rich in broadsides of the Revolutionary period, many of which were printed in Essex County. There are Memorials and Resolutions of the Provincial Congress, from 1776 to 1788; five contemporaneous prints of the Declaration of Independence, probably the largest number to be found in any library of the United States, and all of great value; a list of the names of the provincials who were killed and wounded in

the late engagement with His Majesty's troops at Concord; a call for a political convention at Ipswich, April 25, 1776; a list of the addressers to the late Governor Hutchinson; another dated May 4, 1776, with the recantations of a number of persons of the town of Marblehead for having signed an address to Governor Hutchinson, which has given just offence to the town and to the country; lists of prices for Ipswich in 1777 and for Salem in 1779; an announcement dated May 4, 1777, with the agreeable and important intelligence that His Excellency with about 3000 of our Troops has crossed the Delaware, attacked the enemy at Trenton, and after a brisk action of about 35 minutes, entirely routed them: a list of the prisoners and arms follows; another sheet which was printed in Salem, bears the glorious intelligence of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis and his army. The work of cataloging the Essex County collection has been nearly completed and a beginning has been made on Description and Travel. In addition to this the current accessions to classes previously done have been cataloged, and the printed cards for the United States Public Documents and for the publications of the Department of Agriculture are utilized as received, and a shelf-list is compiled for each section as cataloged. During the past year 20,173 cards have been added to the catalog and 5,118 to the shelf-list, making a total of 25,291 cards written. The catalog now contain 90,043 cards, and the shelf-list 20,215 cards.

The use of the printed cards furnished by the Library of Congress has been continued and during the year 1,399 cards have been purchased at a cost of \$16.15.

There have been few changes in the staff during the year. One cataloger, Miss Florence L. Stoddard, who had been doing excellent work here for three years and a half, resigned on March first to assume charge of the public library of South Norwalk, Conn. Another cataloger was employed in October in place of a general assistant who resigned at that time.

The condition of the reading room is about the same as last year. There are on file 40 newspapers, of which 35 are published in the county. 150 periodicals are currently

received, of which 52 are historical and 65 scientific. A check list of the general periodicals has been compiled on cards with a view to completing the files if possible.

Last January the following letter was received from the Librarian of the Newburyport Public Library :—

“The proposition which I spoke of submitting to you, for which I have received the authority, is this, in brief :— That the Newburyport Public Library turn over to the Essex Institute such duplicate volumes of the Newburyport Herald (& any other local) as it has in stock, such to be in the nature of a loan. That is, the Institute to freely use the same as their own, agreeing simply to return any or all of the same should an emergency arise, such as the destruction of our files or any part of them by fire, or any other loss. You can see the mutual advantage in this—the use to you of the papers, which might be as long as they last, the advantage to us of having many duplicates far removed from the originals, a sort of practical insurance. At any rate I should be pleased to hear from you further and details could be arranged later.”

In accordance with this proposition the Institute is fortunate in now having received from the Newburyport Public Library a nearly complete file of the Newburyport Herald from 1798 to 1892, which greatly strengthens the collection of Essex County newspapers.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE G. WATERS,
Librarian.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

INCOME.

Balance from last Report,			\$1,501 36
Income, General Fund,	\$7,156 83		
Less taxes, insurance, repairs on Texas, Arkansas and Beverly real estate and miscellaneous charges,	\$904 45		
Accrued interest,	1 11		
Beverly sewer tax,	314 99		
Transferred to Investments, Insurance Fund,	400 00		
		1,620 55	
		<u>5,536 38</u>	
Income, Permanent Fund,		4,922 64	
Income, Temporary Fund,		88 59	
Assessment of members,		1,598 00	
			11,283 51
Sales of Publications,		1,426 94	
Bentley Diary,		1,115 26	
Income, Very House Memorial,	226 00		
Less repairs and expenses,	80 33		
		144 67	
Income, 351 San Jacinto St., Dallas,	270 00		
Less repairs and expenses,	131 65		
		138 45	
Income, 127-9 Fairmount Alley, Dallas,	143 00		
Less repairs and expenses,	13 93		
		129 07	
			2,263 38
			<u>\$15,738 25</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries,	\$5,692 10		
Extra Labor,	394 52		
Fuel,	320 68		
Light and Water,	123 41		
Postage and Express,	314 22		
Supplies,	254 95		
Furniture and Fixtures,	33 97		
Library, Periodicals, etc.,	1,026 18		
Repairs,	133 74		
Publications and Printing,	1,292 29		
Binding,	273 90		
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Lectures,	278 23		
Annuities,	610 00		
China Library, Books,	196 03		
Natural History and Horticulture,	26 16		
Salem Athenaeum Expenses,	177 76		
		\$11,120 00	
Hawthorne Centenary and Proceedings,		6 35	
Bentley Diary,		798 56	
Sears' Geology,		17 51	
Robinson Memorial of Oriental Coins,		240 54	
M. A. Barber, inspecting pottery,		25 00	
			\$12,177 96
Balance of Cash on hand,		3,560 29	
			<u>\$15,738 25</u>

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM O. CHAPMAN,
Treasurer.

Salem, May 7, 1906.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SALEM, MAY 7, 1906.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ESSEX INSTITUTE :

Your Finance Committee has examined the securities and accounts in the hands of the Treasurer as provided for in the By-Laws. The books appear to be carefully kept, and the expenditures properly vouched. The securities examined were according to the books submitted by the Treasurer. The annual report of the Treasurer has been examined and is hereby certified to be correct.

FRANCIS HENRY APPLETON, *Chairman,*
for the Finance Committee.

NECROLOGY OF MEMBERS.

DANIEL APPLETON of Marblehead, Mass., was elected a member May 6, 1895 and died Oct. 14, 1905.

PROF. WALTER P. BECKWITH of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Oct. 19, 1896 and died Oct. 13, 1905.

PROF. FRANK R. BUTLER of Hathorne, Mass., was elected a member Mar. 4, 1901, and died Apr. 18, 1905.

EDWARD W. CHAMBERLAIN of Louisville, Kentucky, was elected a member July 1, 1895 and died Dec. 18, 1905.

MRS. MARTHA P. R. CODMAN of Boston, Mass., was elected a member Sept. 17, 1894 and died Feb. 27, 1905.

HENRY A. COOK of Salem, Mass., was elected a member May 6, 1895 and died Jan. 10, 1905.

CHARLES H. FIFIELD of Salem, Mass., was elected a member June 18, 1894 and died Nov. 20, 1905.

MRS. SARAH A. KIMBALL of Methuen, Mass., was elected a member July 16, 1889 and died April 19, 1905.

GEORGE E. LORD of Salem, Mass., was elected a member July 16, 1894 and died May 6, 1905.

JOHN E. LYON of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Jan. 6, 1902 and died Nov. 29, 1905.

NATHAN H. MILLET of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Feb. 21, 1898 and died Mar. 9, 1905.

FRANCIS A. NEWELL of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Mar. 19, 1894 and died Jan. 5, 1906.

WALTER C. PACKARD of Salem, Mass., was elected a member April 16, 1894 and died Sept. 29, 1905.

MISS HELEN PHILBRICK of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Mar. 21, 1886 and died Jan. 26, 1905.

WILLIAM S. STEARNS of Salem, Mass., was elected a member, Jan. 16, 1888 and died April 18, 1905.

WALTER E. SYMONDS of Lynn, Mass., was elected a member Feb. 18, 1895 and died Apr. 4, 1906.

WILLIAM P. UPHAM of Newtonville, Mass., was elected a member Jan. 22, 1868 and died Nov. 24, 1905.

GEORGE W. WILLIAMS of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Apr. 30, 1894 and died May 31, 1905.

JAMES C. CASEY of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Feb. 21, 1898 and died June 29, 1905.

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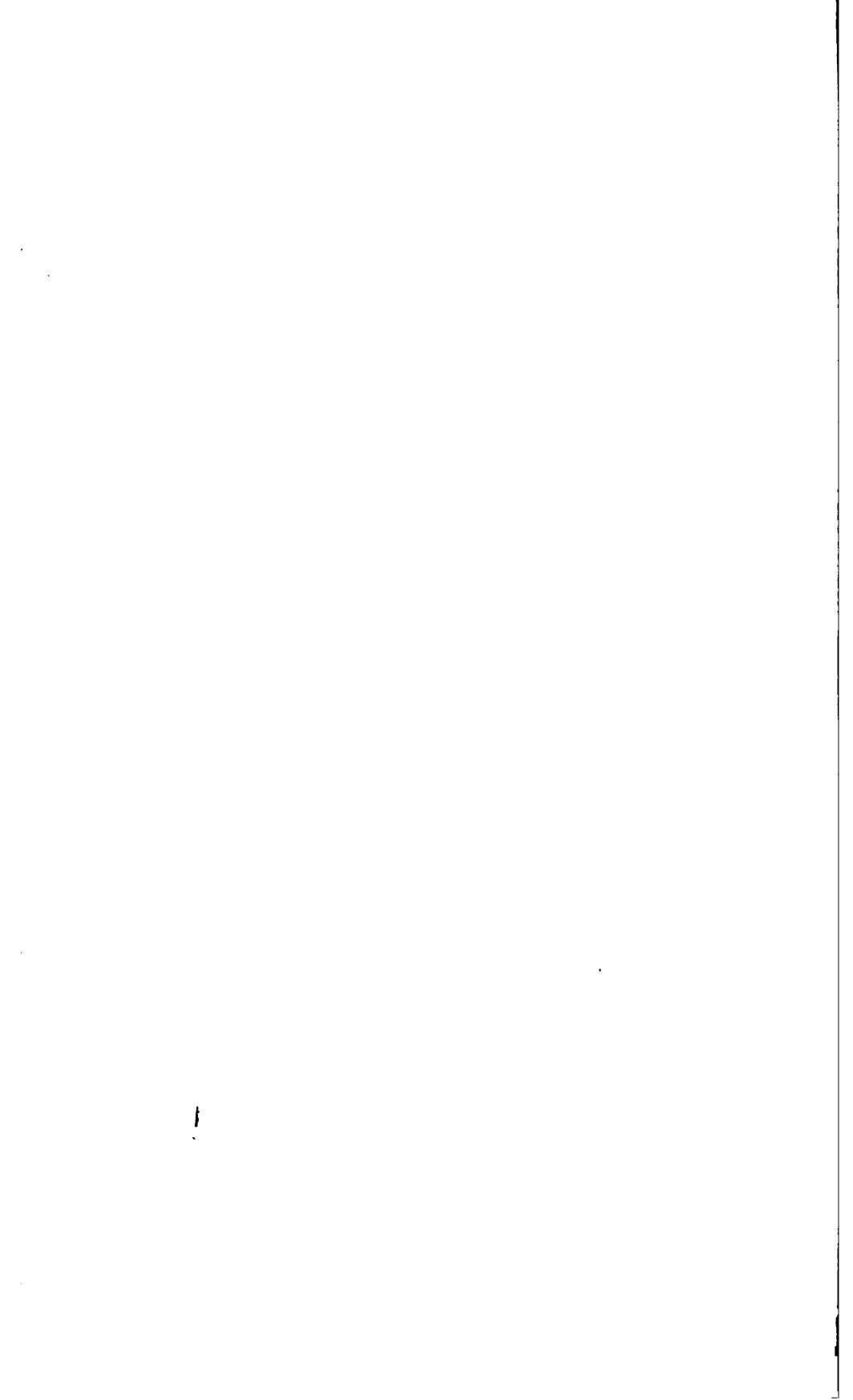
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